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Raleigh will Monday take on a metropolitan air in theatrical circles. The famous singer, Geraldine Farrar, is to favor the Capital City with a concert for which most of Raleigh and a great many of the music-loving people throughout the State will assemble.

Just why the Republicans want to oppose the Pan-American Union has not been made clear, but perhaps they have not yet been able to take in the proposition in its fullest meaning. It is to be hoped that in time the details of the enlarged interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine may be worked out satisfactorily, and that those who fall to grasp its significance now may do so before their opposition becomes serious.

The Times Herald, Volume I, Number 1, is the latest addition to our exchanges. This little paper is published monthly for the Raleigh Times carriers. The first issue has the pictures of two of the carriers who have made unusually satisfactory records, and there is boasting news for all of the city carriers, out of town agents and the boys who sell on the streets of Raleigh. We congratulate the Times' circulation department on its interesting and enterprising undertaking.

The cartoonist of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch depicts Uncle Sam as a friend in need. He has drawn a picture of a desperate looking character of the Mexican type with heavy spurs and big guns standing at the door, marked U. S., and knocking; the title of the scene is "When a Villa needs a friend." Just what the artist intends to convey is not entirely clear, but to be sure, the United States is a friend to all who need help, and justice can be generally expected even though the applicant be a Villa.

VILLA WILL HARDLY BE TAKEN ALIVE.

"Come and get me" is Villa's sarcastic message to his enemies. Reports sent out in the Friday morning papers indicated that Carranza's men had taken him at his word and had gotten him. Too bad that those reports should have been discredited by later dispatches. The Free Press regarded the story of the capture of Villa and fifty of his followers with some degree of doubt all the time. Villa realizes that he is being hunted for the express purpose of facing a firing squad, and it is hardly logical to presume that he will ever allow himself to be taken alive. Very naturally he will die fighting, preferring that method to being publicly executed for the edification of his enemies, and those whom he has persecuted, and who are anxious for revenge.

Yes! when the reports that Villa has been killed in battle with his pursuers come, and have the appearance of reliability, they may be accepted as correct much more sanguinely than can any to the effect that he has been captured, for it is quite safe to predict that his capture before death could only be accomplished through the betrayal of a trusted follower.

THE SOUTH'S CHOICE FOR SUPREME COURT.

Mr. J. C. Milford, a "Democrat from South Carolina," is quoted in the Washington dispatches as stating that the Southern States, or at least many of them, want Mr. Taft appointed to the vacancy on the Supreme bench to succeed the late Associate Justice Lamar. In a sense, Mr. Milford is, we believe, correct. Most of the Southern States have their favorite sons, who very naturally are their first choice for the high place. North Carolina has a prominent candidate in Associate Justice William R. Allen of the State Supreme Court, and the reports

coming from Washington indicate that Justice Allen will have serious consideration when President Wilson takes up the matter of the appointment; Virginia has two candidates in the persons of Congressman A. J. Montague and Judge Kelly; Georgia has put forth Hon. Alexander King; Alabama has suggested Judges Clayton and Grubb of its Federal Court; West Virginia would like to see Solicitor Davis given the honor; members of the President's official family have been mentioned, and so the list might be continued. These are the first choices of the respective States, but how about their second choices? The Free Press believes that Mr. Taft would run a pretty close race for second place, and taken as a whole he would probably head the list.

The South appreciates Mr. Taft's ability; his judicial temperament and his breadth of mind, which would so well serve him and the country, should be placed on the Supreme Court, and too, the people of the South know that the judiciary should be as non-partisan as it is possible to make it.

North Carolina is first for Justice Allen. Its delegation in Congress is urging his appointment and the press and people of the State, almost to a single unit, irrespective of political faith, are solidly for him. Should it become apparent that Judge Allen's name had been eliminated from the list, however, the Free Press believes that unquestionably the appointment of Mr. Taft would meet with a very large share of approval from the Old North State. And it should do so.

MAN'S PART OVERLOOKED!

The Illinois Vice Commission, appointed in 1913, with Lieutenant-Governor O'Hara as chairman, has made its final report after an exhaustive investigation entailing the examination of many wayward girls and fallen women, consideration of wages paid in the various department stores, factories, restaurants and other places employing women and girls. The report declares that poverty is the chief cause of immorality. The Commission discovered that thousands of girls are driven into prostitution because the low wages paid them is not sufficient to feed and clothe them. A rather surprising phase of the report is the finding that a large number of girls in domestic service were found to be immoral and good prey for the white slave agents.

The Commission discovered that the highest standard of morals found among any set of girls existed among the girls in the high schools, colleges and universities, thus supporting the opinion which is generally held, that immorality is very largely due to ignorance.

The Commission made recommendations for the enactment of a minimum wage law; the repeal of all social laws, which had fallen into disuse, the establishment of homes for moral and industrial schooling of reformed women; as well as a recommendation that the newspapers be prohibited from printing the details of court cases involving moral lapses.

These findings and recommendations are, perhaps, all right, as far as they go. The Free Press believes, however, that the Commission should have touched upon the double standard and made recommendations for adequate punishment of men found guilty of lending to the immorality of girls. The Commission's findings, like most others handling the vice problem, seem to deal with it almost entirely from the viewpoint of the unfortunate girls. Until the responsibility resting upon the men for such delinquencies is fully appreciated and punishment adequate is meted out—if indeed, it is possible to prescribe adequate punishment for the human monsters, who would take advantage of innocent and defenseless girls—little progress will be made. It is like trying to save a valley from being flooded when a dam breaks, by catching the water instead of mending the hole in the dam. The cause must be given attention rather than applying remedies to the effect.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

THE SHERIFF OF WAYNE.
Fairbrother's Everything: "We don't know how the Wayne county lynchers will come out of their trouble, but there is no doubt about the fact that the sheriff has put himself in bad by attempting to explain, and in a measure, condone the work of the mob and put the blame on the Governor. The same excuse was made for the Marietta mob, but the men who took the law in their own hands were murderers, nevertheless, and struck their State as well as their victim a coward's blow. An officer sworn to uphold the law should at least make a pretense of trying to live up to his oath, and when he cannot do this it is time for him to retire in favor of a braver man."

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LEADER KITCHIN'S HARD JOB.

Charlotte Observer: "Some of the papers are remarking on the fact that Representative Kitchin, the Democratic leader of the House, should have attended the meeting with Secretary McAdoo and others to discuss plans for raising revenues for national defense as an incident rather strange and unexpected. The Washington correspondent of the New York Sun says: 'Representative Kitchin's position as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee seems to be somewhat embarrassing. He is opposed to the preparedness program, yet finds himself invited to such conferences as at the McAdoo home to discuss plans for getting the revenue to carry out the President's program.' If our memory is correct Leader Kitchin some days ago outlined his policy in the matter of preparedness and it was to the effect that he would first endeavor to save the tax-payers as much expense as possible, and that he would then, having done all he could in that direction, give whatever of aid he was able to give to the Administration in the matter of raising revenues. His conference with Secretary McAdoo simply indicates that he is endeavoring to carry out his expressed intentions."

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of the Mosley Creek Drainage District Assessment Roll, No. 2, of Craven county, in my hands for collection for the year 1916, and in default in the payment according to the provisions of the existing law, I have levied on the land following named persons, and will sell the same at the courthouse door in Kinston, N. C., at 12 o'clock, on Monday, the 21st day of February, 1916, to satisfy said assessments and costs on same.

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- Hargett, Joe, 8 acres, Lenoir county, \$2.55, \$5.63.
- Kilpatrick, Lewis, 4 acres, Lenoir county, \$2.55, \$4.08.
- Spivey, Moses, 305 acres, Lenoir county, \$2.55, \$246.14.
- Tilman Joe, 70 acres, Lenoir county, \$2.55, \$71.60.
- Tilman, Alex., 15 acres, Lenoir county, \$2.55, \$8.29.
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