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MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 3, 1916

Sanford is now enjoying a little of the DuPont publicity, it being rumored that the powder people are securing options in that vicinity. We are not at all envious of Sanford's prospects for a powder mill and when such rumors were connected with Kinston a few months ago we were not "over-much" enthused.

There is much speculation along the border regarding Villa, his hurts and whereabouts. The correspondents are chasing rumors; some of which indicate that Villa was desperately wounded and hauled off from the attack made on his forces by Colonel Dodd's flying squadron and others; that he was wounded prior to that engagement, and was not with his troops then. In the meantime Colonel Dodd and the other troops under General Pershing are "sawing wood and saying nothing." The country may rest assured that they are beating bushes behind which the quarry has taken refuge, and that they are not making fifty-five mile forced marches over deserts and dangerous mountain passes without knowing what they are doing.

TO THE CREDIT OF GREENE COUNTY.

It is very much to the credit of Greene county and those citizens who apprehended the negro culprit Friday afternoon following the series of outrages committed by him that he was not done summary vengeance. If ever there was occasion for taking the law into their own hands the posse faced such a condition, but as law-abiding citizens the temper of the arresting party was held in check and the negro was taken to a place of safe keeping.

Every respectable person, regardless of color, will condemn in the most impressive terms the outrages of this beast and there would be no lack of volunteers for the work of wreaking vengeance if such could do any good. No punishment is adequate or would condone such crimes, and the forfeiting of the negro's life, when the law shall have taken its course is the extreme penalty that can be meted out.

This is another case where there should be no delay in bringing to trial the offender. The Superior Court of Greene county should be called in special session this week and a trial be given, shorn of all technicalities and legal delays. This is a case where the trial should be had behind closed doors, and only those who are interested in the machinery of the court should be admitted. A quick trial, conviction and execution of sentence will do much to allay any feeling of regret that the neighbors in Greene county may have because the culprit was permitted to be taken to another county for safekeeping, and in after years the best citizens of Greene and the Eastern part of the State will refer with justifiable pride to the fact that Greene is a law-abiding community, and that the citizens there are willing to let the law take its course.

GENUINE SIGNS OF PROSPERITY.

Information that the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad has placed an order for more than a million dollars' worth of rolling stock, deliveries to be made within the next twelve months, is a genuine sign that prosperity is smiling upon the country. Not only is the Atlantic Coast

Line placing such orders, but other roads throughout the country are adding to their rolling stock and placing huge orders for rail.

When the railroads begin on a large scale to add to their equipment and start a general constructive campaign throughout the country, it is quite safe to feel that business conditions give satisfactory promise.

There has been evidence for some months past that the railroads were overwhelmed with business, at least there have been many instances of delay in freight shipments, and the supply houses invariably have to make excuse that cars could not be secured and often could not be moved promptly after having been loaded.

With a reduction in cotton acreage for the coming year and a general diversification of crops throughout the agricultural sections, there is no reason why the era of prosperity should not continue. The consensus of opinion of those who study financial and economic problems and conditions is that the southern farmers hold a very important place in the perpetuation or curtailment, as the case may be, of the prosperity now enjoyed by the country and happily the reports from the farming sections indicate that the farmers are taking heed and preparing to measure up to their responsibilities in the matter of diversification.

It is to be regretted that the war cloud is now hovering over the Dutch people. Reports are that the Queen has called an extraordinary session of Parliament and authorized the mobilization of her army. This action is due to dissatisfaction arising from the sinking of the Dutch steamer "Tubantia." It is remarkable, however, on the other hand, that the little kingdom has been able to maintain its neutrality as long as it has. It seems to be the inevitable fate of all the countries of Europe to be drawn into the maelstrom of the terrible carnage, and unless peace is established little else can be expected—the few remaining countries, which have so far avoided the conflict, will most likely be drawn in.

FELICITATIONS TO MESSRS. JOHNSON AND SULLIVAN.

Announcement is made in Charlotte that the "Observer," the morning paper there, one of the oldest in the South, has changed hands. Mr. Walter B. Sullivan, who has been the publisher and part owner of the Columbia (South Carolina) Record and Mr. Curtis B. Johnson, owner of the Knoxville Sentinel and prominent in newspaper circles of the South for some years, have acquired the entire stock of the paper. Mr. Sullivan, it is stated, will remove his residence to Charlotte and take active charge of the editorial and business management of the paper. The Free Press welcomes Messrs. Johnson and Sullivan to the newspaper circles of the State, and it is gratified to know that Editor Wade Harris is to remain on the editorial staff. The Free Press hopes it's good friends, Messrs. Clark and Simms will likewise remain with the new owners.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

POLL TAX TIME AGAIN.

Winston-Salem Journal: "This is poll tax month. If he has not already paid it, no adult man can say he is an all-round American citizen at the end of this month unless he pays his poll tax between now and that time. For if the tax is not paid by the first day of May he will lose his right to vote.

"What does it mean for a man in a country like this to lose his right to vote? It means, first of all, that he loses the greatest power a free man ever possessed. It means that by his neglect he tramples underfoot the Declaration of Independence and says to the world that it is a useless scrap of paper. It means that he is not interested in the promotion of the things which will insure the continued prosperity and progress of this great country. It means that he does not wish to have a hand in running the government under which he and his children and his children's children must live.

"Now, The Journal does not believe that any citizen of North Carolina would wilfully throw away a sacred right to gain which his fathers sacrificed so much. If by failure to pay his poll tax he permits himself to be disfranchised it will be because he isn't thinking. This paper's appeal to its readers, therefore, is to think. Don't forget that your tax must be paid by May 1, in order that you may exercise the proud privilege which is yours—in order that you may be able to do your full duty as an American citizen."

Mary Pickford, the Only Girl 22 Years of Age That Is Earning \$100,000 a Year and the Story of "Madame Butterfly," Which She Appears In at Grand Tuesday



The photoplay adaptation of John Luther Long's great classic, "Madame Butterfly," in which Mary Pickford is starred by the Famous Players Film Company, is a pathetic, human-interest story. This latest Paramount attraction at the Grand Tuesday tells how Cho-Cho-San, a maiden of the Flowery Kingdom, has been wed to Lieut. Pinkerton, an American naval officer. Two months after the wedding Pinkerton sails away promising his wife—"Madame Butterfly," as he calls her—to return when "the robins nest again."

To the officer the marriage has been but a love affair of the moment, to be forgotten with his departure. But to Madame Butterfly it was a real and lasting compact. In her loving, trusting heart she had no doubt that he would return. So in the little house at the foot of the hill where their joyous honeymoon has been spent, she waited for him to come back to her.

A baby was born and the mother thought with happy anticipation of the time when her husband would see his child. Two years pass and still the little wife is waiting, waiting for "the robins to nest again." She is deaf to the proposals of the wealthy Yamadori, an Americanized Japanese, who would marry her though the people about her—even her own parents—look upon her as an outcast. So when the American consul comes to her to tell her that Lieut. Pinkerton, whose ship is due to arrive soon, has taken an American wife—the sweetheart of his youth—the ingenuous faith of Madame Butterfly so touches him that he cannot perform his task. But Cho-Cho-San learns that the ship is due and joyfully makes the home ready for its lord and master. The house is decorated with cherry blossoms and at the doorway the wife, the little one and the old servant await the Lieutenant's arrival. Night comes and the lamps are lit. The servant and the baby fall asleep, but Madame Butterfly continues her vigil, while the lights, like her hopes, die out and only one remains when morning comes.

Then she goes to her bedroom and Pinkerton and the consul enter. As Madame Butterfly returns to the room with the baby, the lieutenant tells her the sad truth and gives her money given to him for her by her husband. The girl sinks grief-stricken to the floor. Pinkerton's American wife enters and tries to comfort her, but Madame Butterfly gives her the lieutenant's money, bidding her return later. Then, drawing the curtains, she prepares for suicide. She has taken the sword of her father from the wall and is about to plunge it into her breast when her baby tumbles over to her. Lest the child should see, she blindfolds its eyes and returns behind the curtain.

Then Madame Butterfly staggers forth, a cloth about her bleeding throat. She has clasped the child to her breast as Pinkerton enters and embraces the dying girl whose face is illuminated with infinite happiness. adv

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATRIX WITH THE WILL ANNEXED OF CHAS. H. FOY, DECEASED

The undersigned having qualified as Administratrix with the will annexed of the will of Chas. H. Foy, deceased, notice is hereby given all persons having claims against the estate of said testator to exhibit the same to the undersigned at Kinston, North Carolina, on or before the 15th day of March, 1917, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are expected to make prompt payment to the Administratrix.
Kinston, N. C., March 14, 1916.
MRS. EUNICE A. FOY,
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