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### WILL INVESTIGATE DEATH OF THREE MEN

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### WEDDING PLANNED FOR YESTERDAY

But in Its Stead Funerals Will Be Held for Three—Pretty Miss Edna Weeks, of Benson, Was to Have Married Mr. Alton R. Johnson Yesterday Morning—Young Men Remained in Room in Wilson's Apartments From 11 O'clock Sunday Night Until 8:30 Last Night Without Receiving Any Attention, so far as Learned—Fathers of Boys Come Here to Make Sure of Identification.

Coroner Chas. A. Separk this afternoon ordered an investigation into the death last night of the three young men of Benson who were found dead in Frank Wilson's apartments. This step was decided on after a consultation with Chief of Police Stell, Constable Byrum and relatives of the young men. The inquest will be held in the court house tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, and a thorough probing of all matters connected with the death of the young men will be made.

Instead of sweet wedding bells, as had been planned by Mr. Alton R. Johnson and pretty Miss Edna Weeks, there will be a funeral dirge, and Miss Weeks is distracted today over the death of her lover. The wedding was to have occurred yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and immediately thereafter the young couple was to have taken the train for Richmond on a bridal tour. But the body of Mr. Johnson will be carried back to Benson tonight or tomorrow and in place of a wedding there will be three funerals.

#### Three Asphyxiated.

Alton R. Johnson, aged 22; Hugh Porter, aged 16; and Fred A. Jernigan, aged 23 and married, are lying cold today in the undertaking establishment of the H. J. Brown Company. Their bodies were found



#### BARONESS PALLANDO.

London, Feb. 6.—Suit is now pending in the courts here in an action brought by the Baroness May de Pallando, an American, against an insurance company to recover the loss of a \$15,000 black pearl and diamond brooch, no larger than a silver dollar. The insurance company asserts that the plaintiff must prove the value of the brooch, which was insured against loss or theft. Before her marriage the baroness was a Miss Dugan, of Chicago.

### Oil Company Will Slice Big Melon

New York, Feb. 6.—Preparations, it is said, are under way whereby the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, will next month slice a melon of twenty-nine million dollars in stocks. The company is one of the former "thirty-three" subsidiaries of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey.

The Indiana company's annual meeting will be held March 7, at Whiting, Ind., and the stockholders will be asked to vote on an increase of twenty-nine million dollars in the company's capital, which is now one million. The additional twenty-nine millions will then be turned over to the stockholders as a stock dividend of \$2,900 per cent. Shortly after the Standard Oil Company's dissolution, shares of the Indiana company sold as low as \$1.49. Yesterday the shares were quoted at \$1.09 1/2 bid, \$4,500 asked. There is a growing belief that the Indiana company's cutting is only the beginning of a number of capital increases among the Standard's subsidiaries whose capital only nominally represents the value of the assets.

### THE PORTRAIT PRESENTATION

#### Tribute to Judge Shepherd By Ex-Governor C. B. Aycock

As a tribute of respect to the late Chief Justice James Edward Shepherd the supreme court room was this morning filled with his fellow members of the bar, relatives and friends to witness the presentation of his portrait.

The exercises were held promptly at 10 o'clock, Chief Justice Walter Clark and the associate justices sitting on the bench.

In the rear of the room on an easel was the portrait of Judge Shepherd, the work, of Mrs. Marshall Williams, of Faison, an artist, whose work already adorns the walls of the court room, in the portraits of other men. She was present at the exercises this morning.

The gracious privilege of presenting the portrait was that of ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock, it having been bestowed on him by the kindness of his relatives. Gov. Aycock first gave some account of his life. As one who lives honestly, hurts no one and renders to every man his just due, Judge Shepherd was an ideal man. He was born July 22, 1846 near Suffolk, Va., and died February 7, 1910. His ancestors were prominent in the life of Virginia and his family had large means before the war. In 1859 the family moved to Hertford county and he received his scholarship at Murfreesboro Academy. Though only 15 years of age at the beginning of the war he determined to serve his country, enlisting in the 16th Virginia regiment at Norfolk. Too small to carry a musket, however, after some months he was dismissed. He then studied telegraphy and later as telegraph operator in the war rendered prompt, faithful and efficient service.

He learned there the deep reality of life. He was stationed at Wilson after the war as telegraph operator, reading law at the same time.

He graduated in law in the University of North Carolina and became a member of the Wilson bar in 1868.

He married Miss Elizabeth Brown of Washington.

He entered upon a growing practice which soon became lucrative. He paid some attention to politics and as chairman of the democratic convention he became acquainted with people. He was elected to the constitutional convention and though the youngest member he served on two committees. In 1882 he was appointed by Governor Jarvis Judge of the superior court. In 1889 he became associate justice and in 1892 on the death of Chief Justice Merriman he was appointed by Gov. Holt to that high office. In 1894 he with all the other members of the ticket was defeated.

After leaving the bench he re-

### TROUBLE IN MEXICO GROWS

#### American Government Ready to Send Troops to the Border If Needed

Washington, Feb. 6.—A few hours' developments in Mexico have put the United States army's mobilization on marching orders. With renewed disturbances across the border and the possibility that the state department might call upon the war department to protect the lives and property of Americans along the line, plans of the general staff prepared out at headquarters today and renewed instructions to await marching orders were flashed to the army commanders at points from which troops can be quickly mobilized. It was made plain the government does not intend to send more troops to the border unless the situation absolutely demands it. Meanwhile several thousand soldiers rest upon their arms.

### WHOLE STATE IN REVOLT

#### Government Does Not Intend to Send Troops to the Border Unless Conditions Demand it to Protect American Property, But Are Ready to Move at Moments Notice—Whole State of Chihuahua Said to Be in Revolt—State Assembly Met Today.

The whole state of Chihuahua is reported in revolt against the Madero government. The state assembly meets today. It is expected the declaration of independence will be issued. The national government's local representatives are said to be without support and afraid to appeal to the city of Mexico for help, fearing any attempt on the part of the national government to send loyal troops into Chihuahua to enforce the Madero decrees would precipitate bloodshed.

As the state of Chihuahua borders on Texas, its separation from Mexico would be a matter of deep concern to the United States. Officials are watching developments with great interest.

#### May Start Independent State.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Another uprising in Mexico is impending according to official dispatches which cast grave doubts upon the loyalty of General Orozco to President Madero and intimate that in withdrawing from Juarez with the garrison of that place to Chihuahua, Orozco, is about to begin a new rebellion, and declare the independence of the state of Chihuahua. Army circles are again agitated. Preparations for immediate action are renewed.

### THE CONSPIRACY INDICTMENTS READY

Indianapolis, Feb. 6.—Dynamite conspiracy indictments are expected to be returned before night. The federal grand jury's final session began at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Indicating that inquiry's wide scope, investigating a hundred or more explosions directed against "open shop" contractors in the last five years, and in which the McNamara brothers and Orle McManigal were only a few of the conspirators, it is understood that, following the jury's report, would cover twenty or more of the country's biggest cities. Thirty or more indictments have already been drawn up.

### NO HEARING ON THE STEEL BILL

Washington, Feb. 6.—The Senate Finance Committee held no hearing on the Democratic steel bill today as scheduled. Manufacturing interests protesting against reductions were unprepared to proceed. Adjournment was had until tomorrow.

### MASS MEETING TO BE HELD AT COURT HOUSE

The mass meeting for the purpose of organizing a Law and Order League will be held in the court-house Thursday night. After consideration by the committee it was thought that this would be the best place to hold the meeting. The committee is encouraged in its work and expects to have a good crowd present. They are met with assurances on every hand that the people are with them in the determination to see that the law is properly enforced in this city in the future and it is evident that the league will have good membership and liberal support. Some good speakers will be secured for the meeting.

### BETTER ROADS NEAR THE CITY

#### Commissioners Hear Plea From Chamber of Commerce and Order Work

The special committee of the Chamber of Commerce, appointed to present to the Board of County Commissioners the supreme importance of working the public highways in five miles of Raleigh, went before the commissioners in an advisory capacity this afternoon and made such a powerful and convincing presentation of the matter that the commissioners by a unanimous vote ordered the work to be done, so that two of the four county convict camps are to be regularly located in this township. The five-mile radius takes in parts of six other townships and covers the roads on which the whole county depends. The commissioners said Raleigh had not been fairly treated in the past and that this would not occur in future. The committee, headed by Chairman H. E. Littleford was composed of Alex. Webb, Walter L. Watson, B. P. Montague, George W. Lay, A. L. Cox, J. H. Poon, J. W. Bailey, C. E. Johnson, J. C. Drewry, Z. V. Judd, J. H. Sears, B. S. Jerman, E. C. Duncan, J. S. Wynne, J. R. Rogers, Penahan Cameron, A. A. Thompson, W. A. Simpkins, W. H. Williamson, J. W. Cross, J. L. Johnson, N. B. Broughton, W. G. Briggs, Fred. A. Olds.

### CONTEST OF STENOGRAPHERS.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Contest of expert stenographers featured the Lorimer senatorial investigation, after finishing the cross-examination of Milton Blumenberg, discharged official reporter of the committee, by other expert stenographers to test Blumenberg's sensational charges that the shorthand notes of an alleged "admission" of bribery, said to have been made by Charles McGowan, a Hines-Lorimer witness, was faked by a detective stenographer.

### Report That Hawley Will Be Lost.

New York, Feb. 6.—Plans for merging certain railroads, controlled by Edwin Hawley and the extension of others, were halted pending the announcement of Hawley's will provisions. Report that the will is lost is denied by William P. Hawley, the dead financier's nephew.

### NOODLES MAKES BIG HIT WITH NEWSIES

#### Youngsters Wild Over Carnival at Grand Theater. Tomorrow Night—Every Man, Woman and Child Invited to Be Guests of The Daily Times Saturday Morning at 10 O'clock—Moving Picture Trip Around the World, With Music.

It is difficult to conceive how any living agency can have greater influence on a nation than a voice that reaches half the children in it. "Noodles" now boasts that he is addressing 3,000,000 children every year. He hopes, in the not distant future, to address a vast majority of the children of America every year. His field is ever expanding, and he occupies it alone. He is unique. There is only one "Noodles." He is the only living instance of a rich man who is devoting every minute of his life to the uplift of the rising generation.

It may seem at first glance a trifling thing—to address in alleys and on street corners the gamin of America that nobody attends, and a lower moral scale throws the street boy into ever-increasing temptation. Who, on such a scale, attempts this work? Nobody. "Noodles" has the field to himself.

Hurray for the gamin who could amass riches and then remember other gamins—hurray for the American who could produce a man like this! His personality and force, devoted to selfish ends, might make him one of America's richest men in money; he's bigger than that, he aims at other riches, the riches of achievement for human advancement. No American is giving so much to the nation—few give anything like so much. And he makes no pretensions and assumes no airs. "Noodles" is incapable of twaddle, let it be said again. He does not ask a cent of anybody, anywhere. His vandyville salary does not pay his expenses. Hundreds of newsboys, working from his stands, supply him the sinews of war in his campaign for the newsboys all over the land.

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"Noodles" is a study. He began life as a New York gamin, a type that always has been bound to produce something. It has produced something—a big something—"Noodles."

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