

# Mountain Scout

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"Starve the fly" is much the better slogan.

Every baseball team is a pennant winner just now.

Women will wear smaller hats, but hats are not sold by the square foot.

New York's spring cleaning will cost \$23,000. It will be dirt cheap at that.

Announcement of the centenary of the silk hat reminds us that the good die young.

No man need be devoid of pride when he can press his own trousers successfully.

Even a person without much other culture may point proudly to his appendicitis scar.

A California man is breeding striped rats, but what kind of liquor he is using is not stated.

There are no new names to call the umpire, of course, but then there are always new umpires.

No wonder the man who gave his wife thirty hats failed to win her love, considering the styles.

The simplified spelling board is going right on simplifying words that refuse to be simplified.

There is reason to think that those Zeppelin airplanes are dangerous contrivances—to those on board.

Our respect for China is considerably enhanced by the information that the Chinese do not eat chop suey.

Archaeologists announce that Egypt fought a money trust 4,000 years ago. And look at what happened to Egypt!

There are those who maintain that it is cheaper to treat yourself to grapefruit every day than to pay doctor bills.

Egypt had graft scandals, a Bertillon system and lots of other things, including gestures that cannot be imitated.

The suggestion has been made to have the man given away, too, at weddings. If coyly done, it will be a triumph.

It may be true that music makes hair grow on bald heads, despite the fact that Richard Wagner wore a skullcap.

As for rabbits, turtles, guinea pigs, etc., inoculation with some form of germ seems to be the badge of all the tribe.

A dispatch says "lobsters are to have state protection." 'Tis well to protect some lobsters for proper annihilation.

An actress advises girls to wear hat-pins hats to make a hit with men. The advice is so shrewd as to be fairly diabolical.

Wife of a millionaire eloped with a butcher. Probably had extravagant tastes and wanted meat three or four times a day.

An eastern woman claims she would rather be very thin than otherwise. At least she takes a broad outlook of the situation.

According to a Chicago professor, clothes are worn primarily for ornament. Then how does he account for the derby hat?

It is announced that a new Velasquez portrait has been discovered in London. But it is not announced who painted it.

In China the breaking of a cup means an oath of brotherhood. In an American restaurant it means one from the proprietor.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to write to the newspapers to say that "woman's sphere is at home"?

Boston college girls propose organizing a chain of don't wed clubs, but say the membership will be limited. Limited to girls over sixty.

New York, it is reported, has an over-abundance of apartment houses and confidence game workers. Sort of too many flats and sharps, as it were.

There must be a lot of poor shots in the old world. Dispatch says that eight out of every ten noblemen who come to America to inveigle heiresses in marriages, fail as fortune hunters.

A funeral cortege was arrested for exceeding the speed limit in Spokane recently. How hard it is to lose the western habit of "hustling!"

Influenza is contagious, says a late medical report. Quite so, especially when the baby of the house begins to show even the slightest symptoms.

An English woman, on separation from her husband, is to have \$70,000 a year—down home and a country seat—plus about the land of the

# 50,000 OFFICES FOR DEMOCRATS

PROVIDED THEY CAN WIN IN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS.

## TATEMENT OF BURLESON

Taft's Fourth-Class Postal Order is Amended by President Wilson.

Washington.—All fourth-class postmasterhips, except those paying less than \$180 a year, were thrown open to competitive examinations by an order issued by President Wilson. These positions are retained in the classified service, but about 50,000 incumbents who were "covered" into the classified service by executive orders of previous administrations, will have to meet all comers in competitive examinations to hold their positions with civil service protection.

In a statement making this order public, Postmaster General Burleson announced that it was the purpose of President Wilson and himself to extend the classified service to include presidential postmasters of the second and third-class, probably within a year. This may require legislation by congress, he said. His plan, which will be laid before the president, would provide for a qualification test for incumbents and applicants "in keeping with the importance of the offices."

Under President Taft's order of October 15, 1912, fourth-class postmaster positions were divided into two classes, Class "A," those drawing more than \$500, and Class "B," those drawing less than \$500. Competitive examinations were prescribed for future applications for Class "A" appointments, while the Class "B" positions were to be filled upon recommendations of post-office inspectors.

The order leaves only the offices paying \$180 or less to be filled upon inspectors' recommendations.

Rules and regulations to govern the administration of the new order will be worked out and announced by the civil service commission as soon as possible.

## FOREST RESERVE BOUGHT

Latest Purchase 93,000 Acres in Virginia, Tennessee and N. C.

Washington.—Approximately 93,000 acres of mountain land in Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and West Virginia, was approved for purchase by the national forest reserve commission. This will make almost 600,000 acres bought by the government up to date for the Appalachian and White mountains forest reservation.

The largest of the group of tracts comprises 38,400 acres in the Massanutten region in Page, Warren and Shenandoah counties, Virginia, the present purchase practically rounding out what the government needs in that section. In the Potomac purchase area, a group of 32 tracts, totalling 32,660 acres in Frederick and Shenandoah counties, Virginia, and Hardy county, West Virginia, was approved, about half of which adjoin lands already bought. In the Nantahala purchase area in Macon county, North Carolina, 31 tracts, containing 5,465 acres, was approved, filling out tracts previously purchased there.

## U. S. Mail Boat Sinks

Jacksonville, Fla.—The United States mail boat Laporte, a gasoline launch which carries mail to the St. Johns river towns, sank while off Arlington. The boat was overloaded with mails and parcels post matter besides some cargo and went down in 19 feet of water, 200 feet off shore. Five persons aboard were rescued in a dinghey. A sack for Fulton, Fla., was not recovered.

## Mrs. Longstreet Loses Her Office

Washington.—Representative Thomas M. Bell's nomination of A. S. Hardy, editor of the Gainesville Eagle, to be postmaster at Gainesville, was turned down and President Wilson sent in the name of Mrs. H. W. J. Ham, widow of "Snollygoster" Ham, to succeed Mrs. Helen D. Longstreet. The rejection of Mr. Bell's nominee has caused the liveliest interest here.

## School Children in Peril

New Orleans.—Several hundred panic-stricken school children fled from the Amesville school building in a blinding rainstorm when lightning struck an oil tank belonging to the Texas Oil company and set fire to the more than 2,000,000 gallons of crude oil which it contained. There was no explosion, but the flames burst forth in an instant and enormous volumes of black smoke ascended to a height of more than a thousand feet. A half-dozen other large oil tanks near by were endangered by the heat.

## Sheriff Shot While Killing Slayer

Vienna, Ga.—Two men are dead and a third mortally wounded as a result of two pistol battles near here. The first encounter was between Oscar Blow and P. P. Sangster, the latter being killed. When Sheriff Bennett and his deputies cornered Blow he opened fire, shooting the sheriff in the stomach. The officer killed Blow as he fell. The scene of the shooting was near Pilkington's distillery, this county. Blow and Sangster were farmers and neighbors. Bad blood had existed between them for some time.

## GEOFFREY O'HARA



Geoffrey O'Hara has been appointed by Secretary Lane as instructor of native Indian music in the bureau of Indian affairs at Washington, D. C.

## JAPAN TO MAKE PROTEST

JAPANESE AGAINST ANTI-ALIEN LAND LAW PASSED BY CALIFORNIA.

Diplomats Think It Has Put United States in Delicate Position.

Washington.—The Japanese embassy was supplied by the state department with a copy of the alien land-owning bill passed by the California legislature and the ambassador will employ the time between now and secretary Bryan's return to Washington in preparing a formal protest against the measure.

Apparently the embassy has no hope that any word President Wilson may send after Secretary Bryan returns will influence Governor Johnson to withhold his signature from the act, so the only object of the protest will be to acquaint the American people with the Japanese contention and, if possible, to influence the executive branch of the government to endeavor to nullify the action of the California legislature.

The embassy will make known the ground of its protest in a diplomatic note to Secretary Bryan. It is well understood that to settle the question no matter what may be the point of objection will require the action of the United States courts, and much consideration must be given to the procedure to be followed in arranging for a judicial test of the California law. It will be for Secretary Bryan to determine whether the United States government shall become a party to a suit of this character, in the capacity of an intervenor.

## REBELS CAPTURE AN ARMY

Huerta's General and 700 Soldiers Are Taken by Rebels.

El Pasco, Tex.—The rebel committee received verification of the report that General Tracy Aubert had surrendered to the Carrasana insurgents at Lampasas, below Laredo, Tex. The verification was brought to the border by Major Salvador Gomez, of the state forces, who says he saw the surrender of Aubert and 700 federal troops. Mutinous federal troops, which drove the commander, General Jones Inez Salazar and his faithful followers from old Casas Grandes, Mexico, are being urged to accept formally the constitutional revolution. This practically would place the revolutionists in control of the territory along the Mexico Northern railroad, southwest of Jaurez. So far the mutineers, who number 250, merely have displayed resentment of their leaders ordering them to proceed to Chihuahua City, on instructions from General Antonio Rabago. But insurgent agents here believe that they soon will accept the revolutionary plan.

General Salazar and his men retreated to New Casas Grandes, the railway town, with the mutineers

## Soldier Is Killed at Post

Atlanta, Ga.—John Gallivan, a Spanish war veteran and a private in Company L of the Seventeenth United States Infantry, stationed at Fort McPherson, was struck and instantly killed by a Central of Georgia local in-bound passenger train in front of the army post. Gallivan was a little deaf and, when he crossed the track, evidently failed to hear the train coming. When it hit him, he was hurled fully ten yards away. Practically every bone in his body was broken. He struck on his head, breaking his neck.

## New Day Dawning, Says Daniels

New Orleans.—The address of Secretary of the Navy Daniels before the board of trade here was interpreted as indicating that he favored the resumption of active operations at the New Orleans naval station and at other stations which were ordered dismantled by former Secretary Meyer. He declared that he would not favor closing permanently any naval station of the country/ even if its operation meant the payment of only a small interest on the money invested.

# MURDERER OF KING GEORGE SLAYS SELF

ALEKO SCHINAS, WHO ASSASSINATED THE KING OF GREECE SUICIDES.

## LEAPS FROM DIZZY HEIGHT

King's Assassin Was Being Held in the Police Station in the Capital of Greece.

Athens, Greece.—Aleko Schinas, who assassinated King George of Greece, on March 19 at Saloniki, committed suicide by flinging himself out of a window of the police station in that city.

Schinas was a native of the town of Volo, Thessaly. He killed the king by firing point blank into his back while he was walking along the streets of Saloniki accompanied by an aide.

Schinas gave as an explanation of the crime that in 1911 he had applied for assistance at the king's palace and had been driven away.

A few days ago the doctors examined Schinas and announced that he was dying of tuberculosis.

## WOMEN ARE REFUSED BALLOT

Measure to Extend Suffrage in Great Britain Beaten by 47 Votes.

London.—The fate of the woman's suffrage bill was sealed by the votes of more than fifty Irish nationalists, who voted against it. The bill, whereby it was sought to enfranchise 6,000,000 women, was rejected by a majority of 47; the vote stood 266 to 219.

Whether there is any chance that the present parliament will pass a bill of more limited character may be doubted. Possibly the nationalists fear that if they allow a woman's franchise bill to pass the second reading it will lead to a parliamentary struggle, which would not unlikely end in dissolution of parliament before the home rule bill becomes a law. Furthermore, the debate proved that the militant policy of the suffragists has done the cause great harm as far as parliament is concerned. The conciliation bill of last session was rejected by only a small majority compared with the Dickinson bill under discussion. Previous bills, giving some measure of enfranchisement to women, have passed the second reading, although they never survived subsequent stages.

## FOUR MEN ARE CONVICTED

Police Inspectors of New York Convicted of Conspiracy.

New York.—James P. Thompson, James E. Hussey, John J. Murtha and Dennis Sweeney, the four demented police inspectors, charged with a conspiracy to obstruct justice, were convicted by a jury in the supreme court.

Only 38 minutes were taken by the jurors to reach their verdict that the defendants were guilty of a misdemeanor in plotting to keep a prospective witness against the "system" from making graft disclosures before the grand jury.

The accused officials stood outwardly unmoved as they heard the verdict. The crowd in the court room caused a disturbance, shuffling chairs and feet until attendants checked the disorder. The prisoners gave their pedigrees and after being remanded for sentence were returned to their cells. Counsel announced that a certificate of reasonable doubt will be sought, which would give the prisoners a chance to go free on bail pending efforts to obtain a new trial.

## 25 Persons Wounded in Riot

Syracuse, N. Y.—Determined efforts are being made here to settle the strike of building laborers which developed a series of riots in which twenty-five persons, nine of them policemen, were wounded. The strikers met with Sessare Sconfetti, Italian consular agent at Rochester, who came to Syracuse and appointed a committee to wait on the employers with a view of arbitrating the wage dispute. The contractors have signified their willingness to arbitrate. Order was restored with the first negotiations for a settlement.

## Slayer of Wife Jailed for Life

Rome, Ga.—I. W. Williams, 64-year-old slayer of his wife, Mrs. Henrietta Williams, was sentenced to life imprisonment at the state farm. The jury bringing a verdict of guilty, with recommendation to mercy after ten minutes deliberation. The defense's plea of insanity and the age of Williams were the contributing factors to the leniency, the defense's attorney admitting in his speech before court that the crime was so "unprovoked that no sane man would have committed it."

## Canada Girl Sponsor for U. S. Warship

San Francisco, Cal.—When the new submarine torpedo boat H-1 was launched at the Union Iron works, an American naval tradition was shattered. For the first time in the country's history a United States warship was christened by a subject of a foreign country. Miss Leslie Jean Meakin, who stood sponsor for the new craft, was born in Montreal and is a subject of King George. Miss Meakin is a niece of John A. McGregor, superintendent of the iron works.

## MRS. WILLIAM C. STORY



Mrs. William Cummings Story is the new president of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was elected on the third ballot after a spirited contest.

## MONTENEGRO OBEYS POWERS

KING NICHOLAS AND GENERALS HAVE DECIDED TO EVACUATE SCUTARI.

Montenegro's Cabinet Resigns as a Protest Against Giving Up the Fortress.

Cettings.—A royal edict summons a special meeting in the Skupstina to deal with the difficult foreign situation. King Nicholas summoned all his generals into a council of war. The majority decided in favor of the evacuation of Scutari. Therefore, the prospect of a peaceful solution is brighter.

London.—A Cettinje dispatch to a London news agency says that the Montenegrin cabinet has resigned as a protest against the policy of evacuating Scutari.

The occupation of Albania by Austria and Italy is becoming more and more probable each day. It is reported that the Italian minister of war has already ordered an expedition to be prepared. The prospect is regarded with the greatest uneasiness in Austria and Russia, owing to the possible effect on the Slav populations. Russia will use the utmost pressure to prevent such operations. Russia will also, according to a reliable statement published in Sofia, undertake the role of arbitrator between Serbia and Bulgaria.

## Huerta to Sweep Mexico

Mexico City.—Assurances were given at the national palace that before the end of the week the defensive attitude thus far maintained by the government will be abandoned and that within thirty days anything having the appearance of a rebel organization will be broken. It was admitted that there will remain the task of running down isolated bands. President Huerta and the war minister, General Mondragon, as well as their counselors, seemed confident that the forces of Venustiano Carranza, the rebel governor of Coahuila, and the rebel forces of Senora will be rendered practically harmless.

## Samuel Gompers' Sentence Affirmed

Washington.—Contempt of court judgments against Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, for their violation of a court's injunction in the noted Buck Stove and Range case were affirmed by the district court of appeals, but the jail sentences imposed were held to have been too severe, so the court reduced Gompers' sentence from one year to thirty days, and decreed that Mitchell and Morrison should merely be fined \$50 each. The lower court sentenced Mitchell to nine months and Morrison to six.

## Women Charged by Mounted Men

London.—Wild scenes of disorder occurred at the demonstration in Trafalgar square under the auspices of the free speech defense committee. The police tried to prevent speeches from the Whitehall side of the Plinth of the Nelson column and only the intervention of James Kair Hardie, socialist and independent labor member of the house of commons, who was chairman of the meeting, prevented a serious riot. As it was, ine disorders, many times culminating in fistcuffs between the crowd and the police.

## Chief Prison Clerk Defaults

Jackson, Miss.—Lawrence Yergler, clerk of the board of prison trustees, was arrested charged with being a defaulter in the sum of \$14,627. Yergler is said to have acknowledged to Governor Brewer that he was short in his accounts. An affidavit was filed against Yergler by Attorney General Ross A. Collins, alleging Yergler had, by making erasure and otherwise defacing his books, covered up receipts that had been turned into the prison office and appropriated the money to his own use.

# LIVE STATE NEWS

NORTH CAROLINA POSTMASTERS NEXT IN THE PIPELINE—OVERMAN BUSY.

## NOMINATIONS TO SENATE

Introduce Four Bills and Withdraws Opposition to Charles P. Neill Who is Confirmed.—Secures Pardon of D. F. Van Horne of Burke County.

Raleigh.—A special from Washington states that President Wilson has forwarded to the senate the first nomination of North Carolina postmasters, naming L. B. Hale at Fayetteville and Russell A. Strickland at Elm City. Mr. Hale's nomination was recommended by Congressman Godwin, for whom he acted as secretary until a few weeks ago. Mr. Strickland was recommended for appointment by Congressman Kitchin.

Representative Webb called upon upon Attorney General McReynolds and secured the pardon of D. F. Van Horn of Burke county, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment at Atlanta and to pay a fine of \$500 for "moonshining." Van Horn has already served one year. His application for pardon was endorsed by the trial judge and district attorney. He will be freed immediately.

Senator Overman introduced a bill to appoint Frederick H. Lemly, of Winston-Salem, a passed assistant paymaster on the active list of the United States navy. He attempted last session to secure the reinstatement of Lemly, who resigned about a year ago, and had the bill passed through the senate but it was held up in the house naval affairs committee, although favorably recommended by the navy department. He also introduced a bill for a term of the district court for the eastern district of North Carolina, to be held at Wilcox on the first Mondays in April and October.

Senator Overman and Congressman Doughton recommended the appointment of W. D. Pethel as postmaster at Spencer.

## Changes in New Hanover

Wilmington.—Several laws passed by the last legislature which makes changes of an interesting nature in the New Hanover county government became effective recently. One law abolishes the free system of remuneration for county officials and places them on salaries. Another abolishes the office of treasurer and creates the office of auditor, the present treasurer becoming the auditor and also assuming all the duties that have pertained to the treasurer's office as well as the duties of the new position. A third bill abolishes the office of the clerk of the recorder's court and consolidates this court with the superior court insofar as the clerkship is concerned. Another measure which will be effective the 7th of May consolidates the boards of health of the county and city.

## Disastrous Fire at LaGrange

Kinston.—Only by using dynamite was the fire which swept the business section of LaGrange stopped, after having resulted in damage estimated at \$150,000. The town has no water works and the volunteer firemen could do little. Kinston, the closest neighboring town, was appealed to, but the engine of the department was out of commission and no assistance could be given. The flames started in a small restaurant from the explosion of a gasoline tank and rapidly spread.

## Have Not Given Up Fight

Charlotte.—The refusal of the management of the railroads to offer a basis of adjustment of freight rates which will afford relief to the shippers of the state does not mean that the business men will give up their endeavors toward securing this relief. Is the position of the shippers who went to Raleigh recently to attend the rate conference between the governor, the members of the special freight rate commission and the officials of the railroads.

## Good Roads in Halifax

Scotland Neck.—The benefits of the splendid roads built by the county convicts was demonstrated when a gentleman came to town driving a pair of mules to a wagon, after some fertilizer. His route was over the improved roads, and loading 4,000 pounds of guano he started out. The team carried the load with apparent ease, whereas heretofore a few hundred pounds would have been difficult to carry. This is a splendid lesson in favor of good roads in this and other counties.

## Business Men to Confer Soon

Charlotte.—A conference of shippers will be held at the office of the Greater Charlotte Club soon at which time plans for continuing the movement for an adequate adjustment of freight rates for North Carolina business people will be made. This meeting is being called by Mr. Clarence O. Kuster of the Charlotte Shippers and Manufacturers' Association. Representative shippers in a large number of towns were written personal letters suggesting to them the necessity of attending this meeting.