

IS END OF HUERTA RULE AT HAND?

HUERTA AND CHIEF ADVISERS IN CONCLAVE IN PALACE

Two Thousand Armed Soldiers Are Surrounding the Palace. — Every Foreign Colony is Wild With Excitement, and There are Reports That Fighting Has Begun on the Suburbs. — Reported That Diaz Stands Behind the Revolt.

Mexico City, Feb. 7.—With two thousand armed soldiers surrounding the national palace, Huerta and his chief advisers are in convulse inside every foreign colony is wild with excitement, and there are reports that fighting has already started in the suburbs. It is believed that the final explosion, which may end Huerta's rule is at hand. It is understood that Felix Diaz stands behind the revolt.

Will Capital Police Join Rebels?

Mexico City, Feb. 7.—It is persistently rumored that the capital police armed with carbines are ready to join the rebels as soon as they enter Mexico City. It is expected that the rebels will make concerted attack on Tampus tomorrow. The rebels threatened to fire oil tanks.

DEATH OF MR. OLETUS BARNHARDT.

Young Man of Cold Springs Succumb to Pneumonia After Brief Illness.

Mr. Oletus Barnhardt, son of Mr. Rufus Barnhardt, died Friday morning about 10 o'clock at his home near Cold Springs Church, after a brief illness of pneumonia. Mr. Barnhardt was 24 years of age and is survived by his wife and three children.

The funeral was held today at Cold Springs Church of which the deceased was a member. The service was conducted by Rev. C. F. Sherrill.

"Home Run" Baker is the Father of Twins.

Trappe, Md., Feb. 6.—Home Run Baker is the father of twins. They made their appearance at the Baker homestead here last Saturday afternoon, but Frank swore the attending physician to secrecy. One of the twins is a boy. Frank says he will make him into a real baseball player. The other is a girl.

Just as soon as the christening time comes the boy is to be named "Connie Mack Baker," after Connie McMilliduddy of the Athletics. The name for the girl has not been chosen as yet. Both mother and children are doing well, and Connie Mack apparently will have to make room for two persons more than he had anticipated to take on the spring training trip, as Mrs. Baker has signified her intention of going and taking the twins with her.

Cold Wave May Hit Atlantic Seaboard Stinging Slap Today.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Biting weather, bringing with it the first severe conditions of the season, appeared in the upper Missouri valley, the plains states and as far south as the northern counties of Texas today.

At points in Montana the mercury reached a minimum of 42 degrees below zero. In Texas there were sharp drops in temperature.

In western Nebraska several trains were reported stalled in the blizzard.

A severe cold wave overpread the westward, with indications that it would reach northwestern Florida and the easternmost of the southern states Saturday.

Thunderstorms were reported in the south.

Atlanta Youth Meets Horrible Death in Sight of Many.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 7.—A. D. Jones, Jr., aged 15, son of Dr. A. D. Jones, today was instantly killed when he tried to enter a moving elevator in a local office building. The lad's head was crushed. Coroner Paul Demehoe investigated the matter and announced that it was accidental. Many women in the corridor saw the accident and several fainted.

The Carolina Circuit of Fairs to be Held This Fall on the Following Dates:

Winston-Salem, Oct. 5-10.
Greensboro, Oct. 13-17.
State Fair, Raleigh, Oct. 19-24.
Charlotte, Oct. 27-30.
Spartanburg, S. C., Nov. 2-6.

Forty-One Suffocated.

London, Feb. 7.—Forty-one people were suffocated in Moscow by a leaking pipe according to a dispatch received here.

A man may become famous overnight but he waken up in the morning.

FOR FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AND ELECTRIC TRUCK

One of Concord's Greatest Needs. — Next She Needs a Park.

Concord is the coming city of the State. She has every modern improvement that is recognized as a mark of an up to date city. Her location for climate, rail, water, etc., is ideal. Her people are wide awake, intelligent, hustling. Her industries are many, costly and varied. Her public buildings and public utilities compare favorably with any city. Her banks and other financial institutions are among the strongest and most enterprising in the State. She has a \$600,000 post office that ranks among the best in the South. A city hall of beauty and magnitude. A court house, which under the improvements soon to be made, will be a credit to any county. The plans for the new jail will give us one of the most modern in existence. Our \$200,000 water plant owned by the city, is all that could be desired. Our sewerage system is good and extends nearly all over the city. Our \$70,000 gas plant gives every convenience to our citizens. Our city-owned electric light system is all right and runs at moderate cost to the people. Our street car system is all right so far as it goes—it should extend its lines.

Our public schools are well managed and supply every child with free education. We have the finest church buildings of any sister county. The Jackson Training School, a State institution, is located near the city and is the pride of the State. Scotia Seminary, the largest school of its class in the world, is located here.

We have cement sidewalks along every leading street. Our three newspapers are abreast of the times in every way. We have the largest and best known cotton mills in the South, consuming some 100,000 bales of cotton annually. Some of the finest products known in the world are manufactured here. We have two bleacheries, which are among the largest in the South. Our ice plants, foundries, laundries, roller mills, wood working plants, brick manufacturing are modern, well managed and supply us with every need. We have a large cotton seed oil plant, a modern hospital, a furniture factory, the best and most modern of hotels, and as live a number of business and professional men as any city our size on earth. We have splendid roads leading to our city. The Southern Power Co.'s line of electrical wires supply up with lights and power. The assessed value for taxes of our property in 1913 was \$3,250,000. The tax rate for 1912 was \$1.50 for each \$1,000. Our population is over 12,000. Our fire loss in 1911 was \$5,000, in 1912, \$4,200. We are rated as second class in the insurance schedule with deficiency charges of 10 cents on buildings and 12 cents on contents. To get these deficiency charges removed we need a fire alarm system and a new truck for our very efficient fire department. These will cost some \$6,000. The amount saved in insurance rates for one year will more than pay for these improvements. To keep our city in every way up to the high standard we have set for it there should be no hesitancy in adding this alarm system and this electric truck. The interests of our city demand them, and our people will stand by the city government if it will supply them.

Concord is going forward in 1914. She has pinned her hopes to higher levels, and she wants more people, more industries, more business than ever before. We all should take a pride in our city and boost what we have and go after what we need. There is seldom an occasion for the people of Cabarrus county to go to other points to sell products or to buy goods. Concord can and does meet all competition. We are on the sunny side of the map and will stay there. Concord is our town and ours to push upward and upward. She needs a public park and must have it in 1914. The street car people should be induced to extend their lines to some suitable place. It would pay them and at the same time help the people and the city.

Give us first a truck.

Give us second a fire alarm system. Give us third a park. These are the things to work for this spring. They must come.

G. ED. KESTLER.

Bro. Cade's Typewriting Machine Some More.

Raleigh News and Observer.

Mr. Baylus Cade, Jr., son of Rev. Baylus Cade, of Shelby, the preacher who invented the Cade typewriting machine, was in Raleigh yesterday on his way to Philadelphia to witness the final test of his father's invention. The machine is to be given a test in a few days, and it is expected that this will be the last experiment to be made with the machine, and that it will prove its real value this time.

Three Murder Claps.

Newark, Feb. 7.—An umbrella and revolver left behind and a button believed to have fallen from the murderer's coat are the only clues as to the woman who shot Mrs. Harriet Manning in her home last night. Manning who arrived today, was questioned by police but alleged to go. He had been separated from his wife in celebration of the day.

In Memory of Charles Dickens.

London, Feb. 7.—The grave of Charles Dickens, in Westminster Abbey, was lavishly decorated with flowers today in commemoration of the one hundred and second birthday anniversary of the great novelist. Many pilgrims visited the tomb, and the numerous Dickens societies throughout the United Kingdom held exercises in celebration of the day.

United States Steel.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The Interstate Commerce Commission announced today that it would comply with the Senate resolution, introduced by Senator Lane, for an investigation of alleged rebates given by the United States Steel Corporation.

NEWS FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—The British Parliament will assemble the first of the week for what promises to be an unusual notable session. The Irish Home Rule, the Welsh Disestablishment Bill and other great controversial measures are on the agenda.

A special election will be held Tuesday in the Second Congressional district of Iowa to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman Pepper. The result is awaited with wide interest, inasmuch as it is expected to furnish the first reliable indication of the views of the farmers and business men of the middle West on the new tariff law and its effects.

Leaders of the Progressive party in Nebraska are to hold a State conference in Lincoln on Wednesday. In connection with the conference there will be a banquet at which ex-Senator Beveridge, James R. Garfield and William Allen White are scheduled to speak.

Thorough discussion of the Sherman anti-trust law and regulation of corporate activity is to be had at the second annual meeting of the National Chamber of Commerce, which is to assemble in Washington Wednesday for a session of three days.

Thursday, the anniversary of Lincoln's birth day, is to be made the occasion for conferences and banquets of Republicans and Progressives in many States.

Monday will be widely observed as the centennial anniversary of the birth of Samuel J. Tilden, the eminent statesman and Democratic candidate for President in 1876.

A special election will be held in Detroit Tuesday, when the voters will decide upon the acceptance or rejection of a new charter proposed for the city. The chief features of the new charter are provisions for the non-partisan ballot, the recall, and extension of the term of city officials to four years.

On Monday Dr. Williams Westley Guth will be inaugurated as president of Souther College, Baltimore. On the same day the twenty-fifth anniversary of the college will be celebrated with exercises presided over by Bishop Earl Cranston.

The sixth National Corn Exposition, for which preparations have been making for nearly a year, will be opened in Dallas Tuesday and continued for two weeks. Nearly all of the States of the Union will have displays at the exposition.

Parliament to Reassemble.

London, Feb. 7.—The session of Parliament which will begin on Monday is expected to have a notable place in British history. Seldom has the political situation been more complicated or the outcome more uncertain. Before the great controversies are reached over the Home Rule Bill and the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, there is the possibility of a grave crisis in the Liberal party over the navy estimates. There has been a rapid growth in the party in favor of a policy of reduction, and serious differences of opinion in regards to the question are said to exist in the cabinet itself. This is the situation which will first have to be faced by the Government after the preliminaries are over in the House of Commons.

In addition, Premier Asquith is credited with the intention to present a scheme for the reform of the House of Lords in the shape of a series of resolutions which will ask the House of Commons to pass and afterward he will find a bill upon them. The plan is to abolish the hereditary principle altogether, throwing the upper house open to popular election, the same as the commons, but with the voting qualifications based upon a different principle. The House of Lords will, of course, reject the scheme, which, with Chancellor Lloyd-George's land reform proposals, will be the main issue at the next general election.

The Mason's Annuity.

Atlanta, Feb. 7.—The current issue of the "Annuity Messenger," official organ of the Masons' Annuity office of the press, contains a leading article that will be of interest to Masons everywhere about the remodeling of the Annuity building at the corner of Edgewood and Ivy streets one of the most up-to-date office structures in the south.

"The Mason's Annuity" closed the past year as the most prosperous in the organization's history. It is an organization which provides for the widows and children of deceased Masons, and has accomplished a wonderful and steadily growing work.

The record shows that up to the first of the present year annuities were paid out to widows and children of deceased Masons the sum of \$461,576.46 and that the assets of the organization on the first of the year were \$7066,907.69.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

February 7.
1807—Napoleon defeated the Russians at the battle of Eylau.
1812—Charles Dickens, the great English novelist, born. Died June 9, 1870.
1855—The Palmerston ministry entered office in England.
1867—George Peabody announced a gift of \$1,200,000 for educational purposes.
1901—Marriage of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands and Prince Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

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February 8.
1791—The Bank of the United States was incorporated.
1814—Prince Eugene defeated the Austrians at Mincio.
1836—First public use of gas for illuminating purposes made in Philadelphia.
1847—Gen. Kearney proclaimed the annexation of California to the United States.
1872—Earl of Mayo, Governor General of India, assassinated at Port Blair. Born in Dublin, Feb. 21, 1822.
1887—Sir Alexander Campbell was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

CONCORD CHORAL CLUB.

First Concert of the Season.—Third Production by the Club.

The date for the first season's concert of the Concord Choral Club has been set for Tuesday evening, February 24. Many of our people of the city will remember the excellent work that was done by this musical organization last season, when it made its initial appearance, and will welcome the fact that the work has been continued through its winter months, which will soon be presented to the music lovers of the city. A number of choruses are being prepared to be rendered by the whole club. Other numbers of the programme will consist of solos, duets and quartets by members of the Club, assisted by out-of-town soloists.

TO INVESTIGATE THE CONVICT CAMPS.

Governor Craig Will See How Convicts Are Managed and Treated.

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—Governor Craig announced today that within a week he would institute an investigation of the condition of convict camps. He will ascertain how convicts are managed and treated, and what disposition is made of them after conviction. The investigation will apply to all convicts in the State, and the Governor Hopes he will disclose that prisoners are properly cared for, treated humanely and managed in accordance with the law.

CHRISTABEL OPPOSED TO DESTRUCTIVE WORK.

Sylvia Withdraws From Woman's Suffrage and Political Union.

Paris, Feb. 7.—Christabel Pankhurst denied that there was any enmity between herself and her sister, Sylvia, who has withdrawn from the Woman's Suffrage and Political Union of London. She said that their ideas differed but there was no unfriendliness, and intimated that she and her mother had decided to advise English militants of useless violence in the future, and that Sylvia wants to keep up the destructive campaign.

War on Social Card Games.

East Liverpool, Ohio, Feb. 6.—Contending that places where bridge, oshre and other card games are played for prizes come under gambling rooms, Mayor Peter Crebhaber announced today that all such forms of amusements here must cease.

BASEBALL TALK

Will Concord Have A Team This Season is the Question the Fans of The City Are Considering.

Will Concord have a baseball team this coming season? This is a question that is causing the fans and fanettes of the city considerable concern. It may be premature to discuss the subject while the land is being bathed in winter rains and Jack Frost is reigning but the time is not far distant when the leaves begin to bud and the crack of the bat will be heard throughout the land. One thing is certain if the fans here have baseball for any length of time it will take organization and the quicker that organization is made and the plans worked out the longer it will hold together.

Season before last there was a rattling good ball team here. The fans supported it and much enthusiasm was manifested. Last season there was no baseball and many a long summer afternoon was whiled away. The team of 1912 was not a money maker. This was not due so much to lack of support as to the numerous changes in players the lack of securing them, etc. Another reason of the cost of the team that year was the fact that a new park had to be secured and equipped. A park is here now and, with a season's experience, a team can be secured and run more economically.

The matter of having a baseball team here in up to the fans. Possibly a meeting of those interested in the sport would result in plans for a team being perfected and executed.

WOMEN WARNED OF POLITICS.

Federal Employees Must Go Slow On Suffrage Fight.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Classified Federal employees affiliated with suffrage organizations were warned today that they would be liable to removal from office under Civil Service laws if they participated in political activity, either as officers of the organizations or through the exercise of influence as members.

The commission's attitude was announced by President McHenry in response to a formal inquiry from Mrs. Russell M. McLennan, an employee of the Treasury Department, who recently resigned from the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage when leaders of that body declared their intention of holding the Democratic party responsible if Congress refused to act favorably on the proposed suffrage constitutional amendment.

Mr. McHenry said that competitive classified employees may be members of political clubs or similar political organizations and associations, but it is improper for them to be active in the formation or organization of the club, to influence other persons by actions or utterances.

President Pays High Tribute to Mr. Bryan.

Baltimore, Feb. 6.—President Woodrow Wilson, in a letter to William L. Marbury, of this city, which will be published in the Baltimore Sun tomorrow, says the exemption of American coastwise shipping from Panama canal tolls "constitutes a very mistaken policy from every point of view" and "benefits, for the present at any rate, only monopoly." The President pays a high tribute to Secretary of State Bryan, who, he says, deserves "not only our confidence, but our affectionate admiration."

Anniversary of Baltimore Fire.

Baltimore, Feb. 7.—Throughout the business section flags were displayed today in observance of the tenth anniversary of the great Baltimore fire and in celebration of the rebuilding of the city since the catastrophe. The fire of 1914 was one of the most disastrous that ever visited an American city. It began on February 7 and raged for two days. One hundred and forty acres, comprising 75 city blocks, with about 2,500 buildings, were burned over. The property loss was estimated at over \$100,000,000.

Go-to-Church Day Drey Throngs to Houses of God.

Sixty per cent of Greater Kansas City, or 225,000 persons, went to church on Go-to-Church Sunday, last Sunday. That was perhaps the highest percentage of any of the several cities that observed Go-to-Church Sunday. Philadelphia, the so-called church-going city, had only a 48 per cent church attendance. In Chicago the attendance was 40 per cent, and in Brooklyn there was a huge attendance of nearly half a million people.

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Mayor Schreiber declared he was in earnest and would direct the police to raid social functions where card games were being played for prizes. Before his election Schreiber was a blacksmith.

LET CONCORD HAVE A FIRE TRUCK

Our City is Eighth in Size in the State and Nineteenth in Money Spent for Fire Equipment.

Much is said in regard to the city purchasing a fire truck for the fire department of our city. This is something that every property owner in the city should be interested in. It is well known that something must be done in the way of fire fighting apparatus since the death of Jim, the big bay horse. The question that is uppermost with the city fathers is whether or not the financial condition of the city is such as to justify the outlay of this amount of money at this time. It is true that there are places for every dollar the city has but could it be sent at any other place where every property owner would derive more benefit than in the purchase of a fire truck. Records will show that Concord is the eighth town in North Carolina in population and is nineteenth in money spent in the fire department. Is it not true that this department of our city has been greatly neglected? And is it not true that this is a very important part of the city? With a truck the man who owns his home on the outskirts of the town will receive almost the same protection as the man who owns property under the sound of the gong at the fire department. The record of the fires on the suburbs will show that nine out of every ten houses burned up by no fault of the firemen but on account of the distance to be run to reach it. Every other town in North Carolina of the size of Concord and several towns smaller than our city, without a single exception, has discarded horses and wagons and have purchased trucks and they have proven entirely satisfactory in each and every case. Why should it not prove the same for our town?

The firemen of our city are asking for the very best fire fighting apparatus possible and they should have some consideration as their services are volunteer and costs the city nothing and which, if the city had to pay for would cost in one year almost enough to equip the department with the very latest apparatus.

"Can we afford to stand pat" and be contented with what other towns have discarded in these progressive times? — PROGRESSIVE.

GROUND HOG CASE.

Attorney Craven Here to Bring an Action in Federal Court for a Million Dollars.

Greensboro Record.

Attorney Bruce Craven, of Trinity, was in the city today, preparing to start action in the Federal Court for a million dollars in damages, the title of the action being "The People and the Ground Hog Against the Charlotte Observer and Greensboro Record."

The first paragraph of the complaint says that said papers did with force of arms, fraudulently, maliciously and surreptitiously, slander, malign, traduce, abuse, mortify and misrepresent said hog, to his great damage and intense mental anguish, so that said hog to hide his shame, did not even come out of his hole on the second day of February, and as a result the bottom dropped out of the weather to the damage of all the people. The case is brought in the Federal Court, so Mr. Craven says, because he lives in the same county with the next district attorney and the ground hog is interstate commerce.

Spain Warns Her Citizens to Leave.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 6.—Fearful that General Villa will carry out his threat to deal summarily with Spaniards should they be captured in the attack on Torreon, agent of Spain today telegraphed to the Spanish Minister at Washington recommending that their countrymen be urged to leave Torreon before the battle began. Spanish refugees, driven out of Chihuahua after much of their property had been confiscated by Villa, were anxious that Spaniards in Torreon leave there for Monterey or the United States.

General Villa's assertion that he would execute Spaniards, who, he says, have taken up arms to support the Federals, was accepted as a warning for them to leave the country while they had a chance.

Dinner Party Last Evening.

Miss Marie Caldwell was hostess at a delightful dinner party last evening at her home on North Union street in honor of her guests, Misses Ida Moore and Kathleen Alexander and Mr. Nathaniel Alexander, of Meeklenburg county. Miss Caldwell's guests, in addition to the honor guests were: Misses Laura McGill Cannon, Lillian Holt and Adele Pemberton and Messrs. Henry L. Smith, Kenneth Caldwell, Lawrence Wilkinson, Brevard Harris, Jr., and Watson Smoot.

Charter Granted to Sparks' Circus.

Also to Peoples' Agricultural Fair Association in Salisbury.

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—A charter was granted to Sparks' World Famous Shows, of Salisbury, with a capital of \$20,000, by Charles Sparks, C. R. Sparks, Nannie Sparks Letter, of Pennsylvania. A charter was also granted to the Peoples' Agricultural Fair Association, of Salisbury, with \$10,000 authorized capital and \$3,200 subscribed by John Whitehead, H. A. Ronzer and others.

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ANOTHER VESSEL MAY GO TO PIECES

ENGLISH TRAMP STEAMER, QUEEN LOUISE, IN DISTRESS.

Steamer is Grounded Off Quon Beach. Sent Wireless Calls For Aid. — Seas Were Too High For Life Saving Crew to Give Her Aid. — A Later Report Said That the Captain Said There Appeared to Be No Immediate Danger and He Would Remain on Board.

Manassquan, N. J., Feb. 7.—Wireless calls for aid flickered through the fog here early today from the English tramp steamer, Queen Louise, which is grounded off Quon Beach. Half a score of the life saving station crew tried to reach the vessel but found seas too high to put off their craft. They finally succeeded in shooting lines over the vessel and the rescue of the crew with breeches buoy began. The vessel is a steel screw steamer, 400 feet long. Heavy seas are breaking over the vessel and it is feared she will go to pieces.

A Later Report.

The captain of the distressed vessel sent a cabin boy ashore on breeches buoy with the message that the crew of twenty is in good condition, and as there appeared to be no immediate danger of the ship breaking up he would remain aboard. The vessel was nearly forty miles out of her course when she struck in a dense fog, a single engine rudder. She is bound from Cardiff to New York, with tin plate consigned to the Standard Oil Company.

"TRIPLE DISTILLED ESSENCE OF HELL."

This is What an Ex-Convict Says of the Fulton County, Ga., Chain-Gang.

Atlanta, Feb. 7.—"Triple distilled essence of hell," is the phrase used today by a Fulton county white man who served two years on the Fulton chain-gang, in describing the tortures and atrocities practiced on white convicts under the Donaldson regime.

He charges among other things that the boy name Sheppard who was reported to have committed suicide by eating soap, was really abused to death by the guards, who flogged him and then fastened the boy to an uprooted stump and dragged him along the ground as the stump was hauled out of a cut.

Charles Davis, a negro witness, tells the story of a convict named John James, who was whipped every morning for a month until he became so weak and lame in the back that he was taken to the hospital, where he died a few days later.

The county commissioners, while working to remedy manifest evils, declare that a good part of this latter testimony is exaggeration and wilful lying, and that while cruelty has unquestionably been practiced many cases have been made to appear ten times worse than they really are.

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