

BANDITS KILL THREE PASSENGERS

HELD UP PASSENGER TRAIN ON GREAT NORTHERN.

One Bandit Entered Coach and Said: "Hands Up!" to All Passengers.—Three Men Grappled With the Bandit, When Latter's Partner Shot Them Dead.—Both Men Then Escaped.—\$10,000 Reward Has Been Offered for the Capture of the Bandits.

Bellingham, Wash., Feb. 21.—Spurred on by offer of \$10,000 reward and determined to avenge the killing of three passengers by two masked men, nine possees are searching for the outlaws who held up the International limited train of the Great Northern Railroad near here.

One bandit entered the day coach and commanded "Hands up!" Three passengers grappled with him and pinioned him to the floor, when the second robber opened fire with an automatic revolver, killing his partner's opponents. Both men then swung off the slowly moving train, and escaped.

SOCIAL CIRCLES.

Dance at Elks' Home.—Bridge Parties.—Washington Tea Party.

One of the most enjoyable dances of the year was given last evening at the Elks' Home by the young men of the city. Music was furnished by a Salisbury orchestra and dancing was from 8:30 to 11:30. Those dancing were:

Miss Lucy Brown and Harry Caldwell, Miss Ashley Love and T. F. Morrison, Miss Ellen Gibson and Henry L. Smith, Miss Laura McGill Cannon and John W. Hutchison, Miss Shirley Montgomery and Fred Correll, Miss Myrtle Pemberton and E. C. Barnhardt, Jr., Miss Marguerite Brown and Mack Buchanan, Miss Helen Marsh and Lee Hovey, Miss Margaret Lentz and Eugene Caldwell, Miss Helen Troy and Bruce Willeford, Miss Sadie Smith and Jack Desportes, Miss Alice Brown and John M. Oglesby, Stags: R. E. Ridenhour, Jr., E. H. Brown, Luther Brown, Leslie Correll, E. Sauvain, Jack Wadsworth, Cy White, F. R. Bost, W. W. Trigg and Mr. Parker Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Patterson, Mesdames M. L. Marsh, A. R. Hoover, John Fox, W. H. Cobb, R. E. Cline, R. S. Sanders and Miss Maude Brown.

Washington Tea Party.

The Martha Washington tea party given last evening at St. James Lutheran parsonage by the Girls' Guild was one of the most delightful and largely attended social events given here in recent months. The guests were welcomed by Miss Mary Elizabeth Blackwelder and Lex MacLaughlin wearing costumes representing Martha and George Washington. They were in the hall and in the dining room the father of his country and wife were represented by Miss Mary Cline and Clarence Norman. Music was furnished by two of Concord's most gifted musicians, Mrs. J. R. Womble and Miss Nell Herring. Tea was poured by Mesdames A. M. Brown and R. E. Ridenhour. About 150 guests called during the evening. A silver offering was taken and \$18 was realized.

Bridge Club Meets.

Mrs. R. E. Cline was hostess at a delightful meeting of the Friday Afternoon Bridge Club at her home on South Union street yesterday afternoon. In addition to the members of the club the guests were: Mesdames G. L. Patterson, F. B. Cobb, M. L. Marsh and Miss Wilma Correll. Mesdames W. C. Correll and N. A. Correll dropped in for refreshments following the game.

Bridal Party.

Mrs. F. B. Cobb, of Greenwood, S. C., who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Fox, was the honor guest at a Bridge party last evening, given by Mrs. Graham Robinson at her home on Geneva avenue. There were three tables of bridge and following the game refreshments were served. The guests were: Mesdames F. B. Cobb, W. W. Flowe, John Fox, J. F. Goodman, R. E. Cline, R. S. Sanders, P. A. Moss, W. H. Wadsworth, W. G. Caswell and Misses Maude Brown and Mary Bingham.

Statesville's Gas Plant.

A company has offered to put in a gas plant at Hickory without asking local people to take a dollar of stock; construction work has begun on a gas plant at Gastonia; similar plans have been put in in Concord and other towns of the State since the Statesville gas plant was begun about two years ago. Gas is much needed in Statesville and it is a pity the people who own the property of the Statesville plant can't be made to proceed or get out for somebody who will push the work to completion.

WOOTEN'S DYING STATEMENT CONFIRMED BY HIS WIFE.

Mrs. Jetton Had Invited Wooten to See a New Dress.

Charlotte Observer, 21st.

That Dr. W. H. Wooten, the victim of the tragedy that shook the little town of Davidson to its foundations and this section of the State as well on Thursday evening of last week, had been particularly invited by Mrs. R. M. Jetton, wife of the man who fired the fatal shot, to "come down and see her new dress," which she was to wear to Mardi Gras—thus accounting for his presence in the home on the evening of the homicide; that Mrs. Jetton had expressed the determination on the afternoon of January 20 to Miss Rena Potts, a sister-in-law of the dead man, to send for Doctor Wooten if her temperature continued and if she did not feel better—thus indicating the professional status of the dead man in the home in question; that Mrs. Wooten would have accompanied her husband to the Jetton home on the evening of the homicide had she been dressed at the time and had she had on anything on her feet save her bed-room slippers—thus showing that it was not a clandestine visit as would otherwise appear; that on the evening of February 7 that Doctor Wooten could not have paid the visit alleged to the Jetton home between 7 and 7:30 o'clock for the reason that his movements were traced all this time—thus tending to rebut Mrs. Jetton's statement as to previous visits; that Munroe Jetton was more like a boy in the Wooten family than a simple kinsman or friend, had frequently visited at the house and in the absence of Doctor Wooten had slept in the home as a means of protection, thus indicating the intimacy of the relations between the two families—these were some of the principal points brought out by the State in the prosecution of the case wherein the young Davidson druggist stands indicted for first degree murder for the killing of Doctor Wooten.

The substance of the testimony adduced by the defense consisted of a re-statement of the facts surrounding the tragedy as given by Mrs. C. Barnhardt, Jr., Miss Marguerite Brown and Mack Buchanan, Miss Helen Marsh and Lee Hovey, Miss Margaret Lentz and Eugene Caldwell, Miss Helen Troy and Bruce Willeford, Miss Sadie Smith and Jack Desportes, Miss Alice Brown and John M. Oglesby. Stags: R. E. Ridenhour, Jr., E. H. Brown, Luther Brown, Leslie Correll, E. Sauvain, Jack Wadsworth, Cy White, F. R. Bost, W. W. Trigg and Mr. Parker Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Patterson, Mesdames M. L. Marsh, A. R. Hoover, John Fox, W. H. Cobb, R. E. Cline, R. S. Sanders and Miss Maude Brown.

Mrs. Wooten on the Stand.

Offering the only new evidence in the case, Mrs. W. H. Wooten, wife of the physician whom R. M. Jetton claims to have killed in defense of his home, today testified that on the afternoon before the killing Mrs. Jetton called at her home and invited her and Dr. Wooten to call at the Jetton home to see a new dress, thus corroborating the statement made by the dying man, who said that he was looking at the garment when Jetton entered the home and shot him. Mrs. Wooten said that had the night been less inclement she would have accompanied her husband.

In addition to this testimony, Mrs. Wooten traced her husband's movements on the night of February 7, when Mrs. Jetton says that he called clandestinely at her home between 7:10 and 7:15. At three minutes past seven, said Mrs. Wooten, he passed her home from there to the railway station to meet his daughter, a student at Queens College, Charlotte, who was coming home for the week end. While he was waiting at the station, said his wife, she talked to him over the telephone.

A barber testified that he shaved Dr. Wooten between 7 and 7:30, at which time the train was due.

Glenn Accepts Position on Boundary Commission.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Robert B. Glenn, former Governor of North Carolina, was named today by President Wilson to be a member of the International Joint Commission, to succeed George Turner, of Spokane, Wash., resigned. The commission was created under a treaty with Great Britain and has jurisdiction over all cases involving the use, obstruction or diversion of waters forming the international boundary or crossing the boundary between the United States and Canada. The powers of the commission extend only to making investigations, holding hearings and making recommendations.

Mr. Glenn, who is here tonight, says that he will begin service March 1. The salary attached to this job is \$7,500. Governor Glenn may be chairman of the commission.

BUSY SELLING STOCK.

In The Harrisburg Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Association, Which Was Recently Organized.

The work of perfecting an organization for the Harrisburg Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Association, which was organized several weeks ago, is moving along smoothly. Mr. C. L. Sims, a well known farmer of the Harrisburg section and one of the prime movers in the association, was in Concord yesterday afternoon. Mr. Sims stated that the work of securing stock in the organization was about completed. The shares sell for \$50 and it is the object of the promoters to issue stock to the amount of \$750 before having the association incorporated. The officers will be elected after the charter is secured.

It is the purpose of the organization, as given in detail in a former issue of this paper, to have a central marketing place for the farm produce of the members of the association. The produce will be sold at the central market by the manager. The manager will also be required to keep check on the produce received from various members, the price it sold for and to make settlement with the members. The produce will be collected at the farm house by a representative of the association at stated intervals.

NEWS FROM NO. 3.

Mr. J. R. Bradford Seriously Ill.—Death of Mrs. Mary Smith.

Mr. J. R. Bradford, a well known citizen of No. 3, is confined to his home on account of sickness. He is 76 years of age and on account of his advanced age and the seriousness of his illness those familiar with his condition are apprehensive as to his recovery. His son, Mr. W. B. Bradford, of Charlotte, arrived today to be with him.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Smith, who died Monday after an illness of several weeks, was held Wednesday at Rimer. Mrs. Smith was 75 years of age and is survived by four children, Messrs. J. Frank, W. A. L. and Smiley P. Smith and Mrs. David Johnson, all of No. 3. Mrs. Smith was a faithful and devout member of Coddle Creek Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Butter About Only Thing That Has Not Doubled in Price.

Greensboro Record.

A gentleman old enough in years to remember distinctly, said today that butter was about the only thing that has not doubled in price. Just before the war it sold on this market for 20 and 25 cents, he said, and what was more, people in town sent to the farmer after it. It was not brought in. Preceding court week, which was about the biggest time of the year, especially August court, contracts were made for it and the hotels and eating houses, or as they used to call them, "snack houses," sent after it miles in the country. The average price now is about 35 cents. Chickens, however, have long been out of sight. The present generation can well remember when spring chickens—"frying size," as they were known—sold for eight and a quarter cents apiece. The same fowl now brings from 35 to 50 cents and meat generally is high and has been selling upwards for years.

Educators to Hold Big Meeting.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 21.—Attendance in Richmond of hundreds of well known educators, representing colleges and universities throughout the country and the educational system of almost every State, from the rural school to the highest institutions of learning, was assured by the arrivals today for the annual convention of the department of superintendence of the National Educational Association. The convention sessions will begin Monday and continue through the week. At the same time there will be held meetings of neighboring bodies affiliated with the national association and devoted to special branches of educational work.

Day of Mourning for Mexico.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 21.—In accordance with a decree issued by Gen. Carranza all of Mexico that has come under the control of the revolutionists is expected to observe tomorrow as a day of national mourning for Francisco I. Madero and Jose Pino Suarez, one time president and vice president of the republic.

Texas Prohibitionists

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 21.—Leading Prohibitionists of Texas rallied here in force today for a conference to frame a legislative programme and agree upon a Prohibition Democratic candidate for governor to be voted for in the primaries next July.

Fourteen Life Savers Drowned.

Queensdown, Feb. 21.—Fourteen life savers were drowned while attempting to rescue the crew of the Norwegian schooner Mexico which went ashore off Westford coast in terrible gale. The crew of the schooner were saved.

BENTON'S DEATH TO BE INVESTIGATED

WAS EXECUTED BY MEXICAN REVOLUTIONISTS.

United States Government Has Instructed Its Consular Representatives to Make Thorough Investigation of the Circumstances of Benton's Death.—Does the Statement Indicate That It is the British Government's Intention to Insist That the United States Act in Mexico?

London, Feb. 21.—The foreign office has issued a statement saying that the United States government, which has promised protection to British subjects in Mexico, has instructed its consular representatives to thoroughly investigate the circumstances of William Benton's death.

Diplomats, reading between the lines, professed to believe that the statement indicated the British government's intention to insist that the United States act in Mexico. Sir Edward Gray, the foreign secretary, and other foreign office officials are very reticent about the Benton matter and would make no comment beyond a formal statement. It is learned that Sir Lionel Carden, British minister to Mexico, is not acting officially in the matter. He is in Vera Cruz preparing to sail for England via the United States.

Washington, Feb. 21.—A slumbering Mexican situation today was brought quickly to a point of intense international interest by the flash of a message saying William S. Benton, a British subject and wealthy land holder in Mexico, who disappeared Tuesday, had been executed by rebels in Juarez, after he had made a protest to General Francisco Villa about alleged deprivations of the constitutionalists.

A mass meeting was held tonight and resolutions adopted censuring the state department at Washington for its alleged suppression of the consular report of the Benton case and calling on Congress to demand from the department of state a full record of alleged crimes and outrages against foreigners in Mexico.

Two More Englishmen Are Reported Missing.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 20.—Two more Englishmen are reported as having "disappeared" in Juarez.

The report tonight came from Samuel Stewart, who says the men, John Lawrence and a companion named Curtis, went to Juarez Wednesday to search for William S. Benton.

Stewart tonight expressed the fear that they, like Benton, had been shot. Gustav Bauch, also disappeared in Juarez today. Thomas D. Edwards, American consul at Juarez, said that when friends of Bauch went to carry him bedding and food he was not in the cell where he had been kept incommunicado since last Sunday, while his trial was being held.

Everybody Delighted With Wilson Administration.

The Washington correspondent of the Greensboro News has the following:

"Governor Craig said the state as a whole is delighted with the Wilson administration. He does not see how the Republicans can make even a decent showing in the elections this fall, certainly not in North Carolina. 'The state is in a most prosperous condition,' declared the governor. 'The people have money, and are delighted with the Democratic administration. I can not see where the Republicans expect to get campaign thunder for the next campaign.'

Children by Open Window, Teacher By Stove.

Statesville Landmark.

The News has very little patience with a teacher who will sit close by a stove a cold day and when children complain of being cold, because they have to sit near a window, tell them that we must have fresh air. Let the teacher take the position near the windows and let the pupils have the view near the stove. Swap places and see how it feels.—Newton News.

Waded Through Snow to Be With Husband.

Asheville, Feb. 20.—A story of hardihood and endurance on the part of a woman seems almost beyond the limits of possibility is that of a climb over the peaks of Mount Pisgah in 12 inches of snow that was accomplished by Mrs. Lee Davis, of West Asheville, last Sunday. The climb extended over 13 miles of one of the steepest highways in western North Carolina and lasted for seven hours.

Mrs. Davis accomplished it to reach the bedside of her husband, Dr. Lee Davis, who had been stricken suddenly ill at Cruso, about five miles from the Vanderbilt lodge. There was no other way of reaching him immediately, so she braved the elements of snow, ice and cold, over a treacherous road, and on foot in order to be with him.

Judge Boyd Not Notified to Name Anyone as Yet.

Greensboro News, 21st.

Up to last evening Judge James E. Boyd had received no message from Attorney General McReynolds relative to the district attorneyship. A dispatch from Washington yesterday stated that the attorney general had dismissed Attorney Holtz by wire and that at the same time a message had been sent Judge Boyd asking him to name Assistant District Attorney Clyde Hoxey to serve pending the confirmation of Hammer.

REV. J. A. B. FRY HERE

Former Beloved Pastor of Central Church Visiting Here.—Will Preach Tomorrow Morning.

Rev. J. A. B. Fry, of Berkeley, Cal., arrived yesterday afternoon and will spend several days here. Mr. Fry arrived in New York Monday from Europe, where he has been spending a vacation of several weeks, which was granted him by the church in Berkeley of which he is pastor. En route here Mr. Fry stopped in Washington and Greensboro for brief visits with friends. Mr. Fry will preach at Central Methodist Church tomorrow at 11 o'clock. He will leave Monday morning on train No. 44 for Waynesville to visit his mother and brother.

Mr. Fry was for four years pastor of Central Methodist Church, terminating his pastorate about ten years ago. During his residence here Mr. Fry won an enduring place in the esteem not only of the members of his church but with all Concordians. His visit here, the second since his departure, is a source of genuine pleasure to scores, and the cordiality of his reception is evidenced by scores of invitations and personal calls. No more pleasing announcement could be made to his former parishioners than to announce that Mr. Fry will preach tomorrow morning.

Indignation Broke Along Border Over Slaying of Benton.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 20.—A storm of indignation today broke along the border when it became known that William S. Benton, a British subject and wealthy land holder in Mexico, who disappeared Tuesday, had been executed by rebels in Juarez, after he had made a protest to General Francisco Villa about alleged deprivations of the constitutionalists.

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STEAMER GOES ASHORE OFF VIRGINIA COAST.

Three Men Taken Off Believed to Be the Only Survivors.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 20.—Three men, taken off in breeches buoy, are believed to be the only survivors of the British steamer Riverdale, which went ashore last night half a mile north of Little Island. Twenty men, the balance of the crew, refused to leave the vessel in breeches buoy and launched life boats. The revenue cutter Ontaga, which has been coaling here after an unsuccessful search of the schooner Kineo will aid the Riverdale in a hunt for the men in life boats.

President Names Hammer; So It's Now Up to the Senate.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Washington, Feb. 20.—W. C. Hammer, of Asheboro, was nominated by President Wilson today to succeed Attorney A. E. Holtz of the western district of North Carolina.

Mr. Hammer's nomination arrived at the Senate about 2 o'clock, and was referred to the judiciary committee, where it will lie for a week to give anybody who so desires a chance to protest against confirmation. Senator Overman is acting chairman of the judiciary committee in the absence of Senator Culberson. He said today that he desires to give time for any protests and will not ask for action until sometime next week.

How the News Explains the "Widow Woman."

Greensboro News.

The Statesville Landmark, having, we judge, in times past taken to task certain of the brethren for the use of the expression "widow woman" is confounded to have its attention called to I Kings 17:9—"I have commanded a widow woman to sustain thee" and is at a loss to explain this frog in the "well of English undefiled." But if it will consult Uncle Noah Webster's little book it will find under the heading "widow" as definition number 2, "a widower." True, it is followed by the italicized formula, "Obs., or Scot and Dial, Eng.," but at the time that Kings was translated "widow" had no more gender than "friend" has today.

Gen. Jacob S. Coxey, who led the army of unemployed to Washington ten years ago, has announced his candidacy for governor of Ohio on the Socialist ticket.

NEWS FORECAST FOR THE COMING WEEK.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—Public affairs and much private business will be suspended throughout the nation Monday in tribute to the memory of George Washington and in celebration of the anniversary of his birth. In many cities throughout the country the day will be marked by banquets at which eminent speakers will be heard.

The United States Supreme Court, when it reconvenes Tuesday after a three weeks' recess, will be the center of interest for the business world, owing to the probability that it will at that time hand down decisions in some of the important cases it has had under consideration and which are of vast importance to the railroads and the industrial interests.

During the week thousands of visitors will gather in New Orleans for the annual Mardi Gras festivities in that city.

Unusual interest is attached to the aldermanic primaries to be held in Chicago Tuesday because of the fact that women in that city will have their first opportunity at that time to exercise the franchise given them under the suffrage law. Policymakers have no way in which to estimate the division of the women's vote among the parties and factions and consequently there are more wagers than usual in which the results of the primary and election fights are in doubt.

An event of interest to the Catholic world will be the consecration of Rev. Henry Althoff as bishop of Belleville, Ill. The ceremony will take place Tuesday in the new cathedral in Belleville.

An annual eclipse of the sun is to place Tuesday. The phenomenon will not be visible in North America, since the path of the annulus lies wholly in the Antarctic and South Pacific Oceans.

The Britanic, one of the largest vessels ever built, is scheduled to be launched Tuesday at Belfast. The ship will enter the transatlantic service of the White Star line.

Under the auspices of the American section of the International Association on Unemployment is to be held in New York city Friday and Saturday.

Another convention of the week will be the annual meeting of the department of superintendence of the National Education Association, which will assemble in Richmond, Va., on Monday for a session of five days.

Gen. Diaz Arrives in New York.

New York, Feb. 21.—General Felix Diaz arrived aboard the steamer Morro Castle from Havana with a party of close personal and political friends. He refused to say whether or not he is considering going to Washington to discuss Mexican affairs with President Wilson.

Hayden Clement to Be Candidate for Solicitor.

Salisbury, Feb. 21.—Hayden Clement of this city, will be a candidate for solicitor to succeed W. C. Hammer, appointed district attorney.

BENTON EXECUTED BY REVOLUTIONISTS

FOLLOWING A LEGALLY CONVENED COURT MARTIAL.

He Was Found Guilty of Participation in a Plot Against the Life of Gen. Villa.—This is Substance of Report by Consul Edwards at Juarez, Who States that Villa Acted Within His Rights.—Edwards Says He Made a Careful Investigation Before Making Report.

Washington, Feb. 21.—William S. Benton was executed by Mexican Revolutionists following a legally convened court martial. He was found guilty of participation in a plot against the life of General Villa.

This is the substance of a report received by the State Department from Consul Edwards at Juarez, who was ordered by Secretary Bryan to fully investigate Benton's death. Edwards stated that he had made a careful investigation and is convinced that Gen. Villa acted within his rights. A complete text of the report was not made public. A complete copy of the report, however, was delivered to Sir Cecil Spring Rice, British Ambassador to the United States.

Villa Refuses to Discuss Killing.

Chihuahua, Feb. 21.—When General Villa arrived here today he refused to discuss the Benton killing. He brought with him a carload of ammunition to be used in the attack on Torreon.

Searched Started for Gustave Bauch and Two Englishmen.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 21.—Search has been started for Gustave Bauch, the German-American and John Lawrence and James Curtis, Englishmen, who disappeared after going to Juarez to see General Villa. Friends fear the men have met the same fate as the British subject, Benton. The two Englishmen went to Juarez on much the same mission as Benton did.

Says Benton Was "Murdered Like a Dog."

Washington, Feb. 21.—Denunciation of the Wilson policy of "watchful waiting" in the Mexican crisis was made today in telegrams read in the Senate by Senator Ball, of New Mexico. Resolutions adopted by El Paso citizens were read in full and a telegram from R. H. Dudley, chairman of the meeting, said that Benton was "murdered like a dog."

Treaties Adopted by Senate.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Without amendment the arbitration treaties with Spain, Great Britain, Norway, Sweden, Japan, Portugal and Switzerland were adopted by the Senate today.

But the grass widow is never as green as her title would indicate.

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