

## VILLA DELIBERATELY MURDERED BENTON

SUCH IS THE BELIEF OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

It is said that Villa's story of a Court Martial was only an excuse. The British newspapers unanimously demanding that the United States intervene in Mexico or abrogate the Monroe doctrine. British Government credits none of the stories explaining Benton's death.

### ARMED INTERVENTION IS STILL UNNECESSARY.

British Government Refraining From Bringing Additional Pressure on United States.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Despite the urgent demands to force any drastic action in Mexico, the British government is still refraining from bringing additional pressure to bear on the United States. Sir Cecil Spring Rice is firm in his position that he would await a full detailed report of all the circumstances of Benton's death before taking judgment. The administration is still hopeful that armed intervention is unnecessary.

### Gen. Villa's Threat to Kill Aliens in Mexico.

The execution of William S. Benton, an English subject, by Gen. Villa recalls the following statement by Villa to a World correspondent at Juarez, on February 15: "What shall I do with the Spaniards in Torreon? I have been called a killer of prisoners. In the case of Spaniards who have taken Huerta's side in any way that is just what I am. And all the other foreigners too I shall shoot without mercy. Foreigners must be taught by a terrible example not to meddle in Mexican politics. The property of any one who has aided the enemies of the revolution will be confiscated without warning."

### Prize Dogs on Show.

New York, Feb. 23.—A record breaking list of 2,000 dogs exhibited their manners good and bad, to the public which thronged the Grand Central Palace today at the opening of the thirty-eighth annual bench of the Westminster Kennel Club. In the opinion of the experts this year's show is the greatest collection of aristocratic canines ever assembled under one roof. Every breed of dog known to the fancier is represented. Plotted for honors against the blue-ribbon winners of the American kennels are champion dogs from Canada, Great Britain and the Continent. Never before have the foreign entries been so numerous and of such a high class.

Chicago Observes the Holiday. Chicago, Ill., Feb. 23.—Public offices were closed and business was largely suspended in Chicago today, while patriotic organizations and numerous social and other societies contributed, by the holding of various suitable functions, to the celebration of Washington's birthday. Under the auspices of the Union League Club the customary exercises were held for the benefit of the pupils of the public schools.

The Holiday in Washington. Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—Practically all Washington united today to pay tribute to the "Father of his Country" in commemoration of the one hundred and eighty-second anniversary of his birth. Memorial exercises were held in the schools and numerous patriotic societies held services during the day. In the senate, Senator Swanson of Virginia read Washington's farewell address to a throng which tested the capacity of the galleries.

Remember a cook by another name would be a doctor, just the same.

## "NOT GUILTY!"

So Says Jury in Jetton Case. — Mr. And Mrs. Jetton Return to Davidson. Charlotte Observer, 23d. Charlotte, Feb. 21.—The jury in the case of Monroe Jetton, on trial charged with the murder of Dr. W. H. Wooten, of Davidson, returned a verdict at 11 o'clock tonight finding the defendant not guilty. The jury had been out only about 30 minutes. There was a great demonstration when the verdict was announced, the cheering being heard for several blocks away.

Jetton and his wife spent tonight at the Stonehill hotel, and will leave for their home in Davidson in the morning.

Solicitor Wilson concluded argument in the case for the State tonight and immediately Judge Adams began charging the jury. The charge was completed about 10:30 and at 11 o'clock Jetton was a free man.

Sympathizers with Jetton expressed the opinion in the court room tonight that the judge's charge favored the prosecution and went wild with joy when they heard him acquitted.

Jetton claimed that he killed the physician when he found him attacking Mrs. Jetton. Mrs. Jetton substantiated this statement. In a dying statement, Dr. Wooten avowed his innocence of evil intent. He stated that Mrs. Jetton had invited him and his wife to come to the Jetton home and see a new dress, and that but for the inclement weather on the evening of the shooting, Mrs. Wooten would have accompanied him.

## MR. AND MRS. JETTON GO TO DAVIDSON

Return to Their Home by Automobile in the Early Afternoon.

Charlotte Observer, 23rd. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Monroe Jetton, the central figures in a trial which held the center of the stage in western North Carolina during Thursday, Friday and Saturday, returned yesterday to their home at Davidson in an automobile, reaching the town about 2 o'clock.

The hour at which they would arrive was not known and hence, while numerous persons met the early morning train which reaches Davidson about 9 o'clock, in order to extend a welcome. They went at once to the home of Mr. Jetton's mother, Mrs. Jetton, widow of the late R. M. Jetton. There they spent the day quietly.

Nothing is known as to the future plans of any of those vitally affected by the tragedy but it is presumed that they will pick up the threads of life where they were dropped on February 10 when the killing of Dr. W. H. Wooten dealt a cruel crushing blow to the member of two families and occasioned much pain to their friends.

It became known yesterday that the vote on the first ballot stood eleven in favor of acquittal and one in favor of convicting Jetton of manslaughter. Perceiving the odds against him, however, the twelfth juror came over on the second ballot and made it unanimous.

In view of the fact that only two persons had any knowledge whatever of how the tragedy occurred, and the further fact that these two were telling the same story, the ultimate result was practically a foregone conclusion. The prosecution could argue, it could speculate, it could ridicule, it could allege, but it was impossible for it to introduce positive evidence that would overthrow the story of the occurrence as narrated by the witnesses for the defense.

## BOLEJACK SENTENCED.

Charlotte Man Who Murdered Wife Sentenced to Death April 24.

Charlotte, Feb. 21.—James M. Bolejack, white, who shot and killed his wife New Year day, and who was found guilty of murder in the first degree Thursday by a jury selected from a special venire of 50 men, was sentenced tonight at 11:30 by Judge Adams to be electrocuted April 24 between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Motion for a new trial, error and testimony overruled, attorneys gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court.

Can See By Wire. Scientist Asserts. Berlin, Feb. 23.—Prof. Arthur Korn, whose telephotography system is to be employed over the transatlantic cable to New York in connection with the Panama-Pacific Exposition, said today that direct service from Europe to San Francisco for exhibition purposes must be wireless, because connecting up of the overhead cables for through service could not be arranged.

White Man and Five Negroes Killed in Race War. Tazewell, Miss., Feb. 23.—One white man and five negroes were killed in a race war here today. The trouble started when a posse attempted to arrest thirty negroes.

## SCHOOL LAW UPHOLD.

Compulsory Education Law Case Tried in Police Court This Morning.

L. J. Carter, of the Franklin bill section, was tried in the police court this morning, charged with failing to comply with the compulsory education law in not sending his young son to school. Since the warrant was issued the boy has been attending school and, upon promise from his father to keep the boy in school, the police justice dismissed the case by taxing Carter with the cost.

Charles King was tried on a variety of offenses including the charges of carrying a concealed weapon, assault with a deadly weapon, damage to property, simple assault and intoxication. He was found guilty and sentenced to the chain gang for 12 months.

In speaking of the compulsory education law Superintendent Lippard stated that the school authorities were having very little difficulty in enforcing the law, only one case in addition to the above having been tried since the law became effective. In both cases the parents agreed to send the children to school and an amicable settlement was made.

## ANOTHER COLD WAVE IS COMING SOON.

Weather Bureau Predicts Snow in the Mississippi and Ohio Valleys.

Washington, Feb. 22.—A violent storm sweeping across the Continent from Colorado tonight, according to the weather bureau, will cause rain tomorrow in the Southern States and snow in the Mississippi and Ohio valleys, and in the lake regions and the North Atlantic States tomorrow and Tuesday.

"This disturbance," the bureau's bulletin said, "will be followed by a pronounced cold wave which will overspread the Mississippi valley, the southwestern States and the lake region Monday and the eastern and southeastern States by Tuesday. Following this storm the weather will become fair and remain so for several days in the region east of the Rocky Mountains."

"A general change to warmer weather will set in over the northwestern State Tuesday, spreading eastward over the great Central valley by Wednesday and the Eastern States east of the Rocky Mountains States about Thursday. "The next disturbance to cross the country will cross the great Central valleys about Wednesday and the Eastern States Thursday. This disturbance will be attended by snow in northern and probably rain in southern States east of the Rocky Mountains."

## Frank Now Anxious to Talk.

Atlanta, Feb. 21.—Leo M. Frank is anxious to see the newspaper reporters and talk with them—has been anxious to see them ever since the supreme court decision was handed down, and he has only been prevented from doing so by the refusal of his counsel to permit it.

Frank, who maintained a steadfast voluntary silence while the case was in the hands of the higher court, is now anxious to talk. His personal friends are inclined to believe that he is right in his wish to admit the reporters, and it may be after further conference, that the lawyers will withdraw their present refusal. What Frank will say, it is logically expected, will be in some form or another an expression of his own innocence, and his belief in the guilt of Conley.

Frank is said to have expressed gratification at the announcement that the famous Detective William J. Burns, was coming to Atlanta next week to probe the case. "I believe he will get at the truth, and the truth will show me innocent," Frank is reported to have said today.

## Holton Not Startled By News of His Removal.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 22.—District Attorney A. E. Holton received a telegram last night from Attorney General McReynolds declaring his office vacant with the close of business yesterday and tomorrow it is presumed that Assistant District Attorney Hoey will take up the work pending the confirmation of Mr. Hammer. Telegrams were dispatched to Mr. Hoey today requesting him to come to Winston-Salem Monday morning, inasmuch as several important cases are to come before the Federal Court in Greensboro this week.

It is reported here that upon confirmation of Mr. Hammer he will ask the department to remove that office from Winston-Salem to Salisbury.

Mardi Gras at New Orleans. New Orleans, La., Feb. 23.—Carneval week in New Orleans was ushered in today with the customary ceremonies and pageantry. Hotels and boarding-houses are filled to overflowing with visitors, among whom are many northern tourists, and all signs point to one of the largest Mardi Gras crowds in many years.

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## CONCORD METHODISTS GREET REV. J. A. B. FRY

Central Church Filled with Friends and Admirers of Beloved Former Pastor.

The Methodists of Concord enjoyed a rare privilege yesterday. It was meeting and hearing a preaching again Rev. J. A. B. Fry, who for four years was pastor of Central Methodist Church and who in that time became one of the most popular and genuinely beloved of the long list of strong, able and popular ministers who have served that church.

Mr. Fry's popularity was evidenced by the large congregation that greeted him, practically every seat in the church being taken. This tribute and the joy of greeting again the friends with whom he labored and loved had a marked effect on the speaker which manifested not only by his words expressing pleasure at being in Concord again but by his manner, which showed a depth of genuine feeling. Throughout his sermon yesterday morning he listened to with undivided attention, his eloquent and thoughtful discourse making a marked impression on his hearers.

Mr. Fry left today for Waynesville, where he will visit his mother and brother before returning to his home in California.

## BRYAN ORDERS PAR REACHING INVESTIGATION

Dudley Telegraphs That Benton Was "Murdered Like a Dog."

Washington, Feb. 21.—Secretary Bryan has ordered a far-reaching investigation of the killing of William S. Benton, the British subject, at Juarez. He announced today that until all facts in the case had been gathered from all available sources no opinion could be expressed by the state department. All information received will be transmitted to the British government.

Explanations made by General Villa to Thomas D. Edwards and George C. Carothers, the American consular representatives at Juarez, together with the court-martial records, are to be supplemented by further information. Instructions went forth to American Consul Letcher at Chihuahua to get additional details from Villa, and it is understood that inquiry through independent sources will be carried on at Juarez. Mr. Carothers is consular agent at Torreon, temporarily assisting Mr. Edwards.

Advices received by the state department up to late today giving Villa's version of the affair were that Benton was armed, had personally quarreled with Villa, had been disarmed, tried by court-martial and executed on the charge of attempting the life of Villa.

## The Benton Killing.

Baltimore Sun. Great Britain will doubtless use the Benton death as best it may to force action by this country in Mexico, for it has been trying to do that all along. Its avaricious interests there make it desirable for any price. Yet the absurdity of the British position that this country should have recognized Huerta yet for her to call upon that ruler for redress would be just about as effective as calling upon Happy Hooligan or the Katzenjammer Kids.

## British Have No Intention of Intervening in Mexico.

London, Feb. 23.—The British government has no intention of intervening in Mexico, according to a formal statement in the House of Commons by Under Secretary Ackland, of the foreign office. "Sir Edward Grey later made an address saying the government's communications to Washington did not imply that England holds the United States responsible for Benton's death."

## \$175,000 For Methodist Missions.

New York, Feb. 20.—The board of foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church announced today that it had received a gift of \$175,000 from a donor whose name is withheld. The money, the largest single gift ever made to the board, is to form a permanent endowment fund for mission work.

## Death of Ex-Senator Teller.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 23.—Henry M. Teller, aged 84, former United States Senator, died at his home here after an illness lasting two years. Heart trouble and old age infirmities caused his death. He also served as secretary of the interior.

Bolejuck, the man convicted of murder in the first degree at Mecklenburg court last week and sentenced to be electrocuted April 24th for murdering his wife, formerly lived in Concord. He lived near the Cabarus mill and when he worked was engaged in mending chairs, repairing furniture, etc.

Miss Carrie Cox, of Thomasville, arrived Sunday morning and is visiting her cousin, Miss Helen Troy, at her home on North Union street, for a few days.

Mr. Edward Bauvin is spending the afternoon in Albemarle on his

## HAYDEN CLEMENT OUT FOR SOLICITOR

Former Assistant Attorney General Would Succeed W. C. Hammer in Fifteenth.

Salisbury, Feb. 21.—Arranged with the endorsement of eighteen out of twenty Superior Court judges in North Carolina, as well as that of hundreds of leading politicians and attorneys in the fifteenth Judicial District, Hayden Clement, Esq., a prominent attorney of Salisbury, tonight announced his candidacy for appointment as solicitor of the district to succeed Hon. W. C. Hammer.

Mr. Clement is a son of Dr. L. H. Clement, a former president of the North Carolina Bar Association, and is himself a former vice-president. He is a leading member of the Salisbury Bar and has a wide practice.

Under the administration of Governor Glenn, Mr. Clement was assistant attorney-general and, owing to the illness of that official, he performed most of the work for the term. He is chairman of the Eighth Congressional District and in two elections has carried the Democratic ticket to victory, obtaining a Republican majority of 1,300 to 700 for the Democratic nominee.

His friends contend that the appointment of Mr. Clement by the Governor as solicitor of the district will give entire satisfaction in the Counties of Montgomery, Rowan, Cabarrus, Iredell, Davie and Randolph, which comprise the district.

## The Harrisburg Venture.

Charlotte Observer.

Mr. C. L. Sims, who is at the head of the Farmers' Co-operative Marketing Association, with headquarters at Harrisburg, in the neighboring county of Cabarrus, reports to The Concord Tribune that as soon as stock to the amount of \$750 had been sold, application will be made for articles of incorporation. Mr. Sims says the amount has been nearly subscribed. There seems to be no doubt that this enterprise will be launched and the outcome of the venture will be awaited with interest. The plan is for a central marketing place for the products of dairy and farm, the business to be under the supervision of a manager—and it may be said that the success or failure of the enterprise will depend almost entirely upon the business sagacity of this manager. There would be no opportunity whatever for success under a manager who is not equipped with the executive ability, backed by sound commercial sense. The principle of co-operative marketing is all right and if properly conducted the Harrisburg venture should prove profitable to those interested.

## Women in Chicago Primaries.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 23.—Seldom in the history of Chicago has so much interest been aroused in a political election as is now manifested in the aldermanic primaries to be held tomorrow, when nominations will be made by the various parties for one alderman in each of the thirty-five wards. The unusual interest arises from the fact that the primaries will afford the women their first opportunity to exercise the franchise given them under the suffrage law. Politics have no way in which to estimate the division of the women's vote among parties and factions and consequently there are more wards than usual in which the results of the primary fights are in doubt. The situation is further complicated by the fact that several women are contesting for aldermanic nominations.

## Important News for Investors.

Public interest has been aroused to no small degree by The New York World's great financial page of Wall street news. In the Morning World complete stock quotations and news of vital interest to investors is presented, while in the Sunday World weekly reviews of stocks, bonds and business conditions in general are chronicled in comprehensive fashion. No person at all interested in money matters and investment activities should miss reading a single copy of the Morning or Sunday World. Order from your newsdealer today.

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## THE OLD MUSIC.

Atlantians Turn Out By Thousands to the Old Fiddlers' Convention.

Atlanta, Feb. 21.—The love of true music is not yet entirely dead in the hearts of materialistic Atlantians. They refuse to go to hear Galski, Kubelik and furnish only a shabby audience in size for Tetraxini—but my, how they are turning out by the thousands to hear the old familiar music at the old time fiddler's convention.

Last night three thousand people patted their knees and shuffled their feet while "Red Neck" Jim Lawson, of Milton, scraped his bow and played "Devil in the Wheat Patch."

Colonel W. L. Peel, no less a person than the President of the Atlanta Music Festival Association, which brings Metropolitan grand opera and Caruso here every year, was in a front seat, and acted as one of the judges. Judge Russell of the state court of appeals helped him.

## Mr. John George Harris Praised.

Mr. John George Harris, the popular baritone of Charlotte, was the recipient of numerous flattering press criticisms, following his recent concert appearances. Some of the notices are appended:

Mr. John G. Harris, in the "Two Grenadiers" took so well that he sang "Lucky Jim" and this pleased the people so well that he had to sing again. His voice is a fine one and he uses it to good advantage.—Hion, (N. Y.) Citizen.

Mr. Harris, of Hion, won merited commendation by his bass solo, "Vulcan's Song." He has an excellent voice.—Hion, (N. Y.) Herald.

Mr. Harris was a stinger to the club (Kananah Club), but won his way into immediate favor by his rich, smooth baritone voice and clear enunciation.—The Post-Standard, Syracuse, N. Y.

The First Presbyterian Church has been so fortunate as to secure a baritone soloist, Mr. John G. Harris, of Brooklyn, a new citizen of Charlotte. Mr. Harris has a beautiful voice—rich, resonant and of splendid range. The timbre-tone color—is exceptionally fine. He is an experienced choir singer, ready rapidly, and interprets with the conception and musical thought of the artist. For a time he was baritone soloist in the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn and also one of the leading musical clubs in Charlotte and his musical worth became known, Mrs. A. D. Glaseock, organist for the summer at the First Church, invited him to sing in the Church. The congregations were so pleased with his voice that within a few days he was secured as a permanent member of the choir. Last night Mr. Harris sang with an effect that charmed the congregation. "There is a Land Mine Eye Hath Seen."—Charlotte News, July 6, 1913.

## Terrific Storm on Irish Coast.

London, Feb. 23.—A terrific storm off the Irish coast today again prevented the rescue of the survivors of the wrecked Norwegian schooner, Mexico, marooned on Sater Island. The men aboard the schooner have had nothing to eat or drink since Friday and are sheltered from storm only by a flimsy screen constructed of sails.

Rev. C. C. Waggoner will preach at Bear Creek Reformed Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. W. W. Watt, of Charlotte, is a visitor here today.

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