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GREAT BRITAIN IS NOW AROUSED

OVER VILLA'S REFUSAL TO TURN OVER BENTON'S BODY

To His Wife.—The situation is so serious that Secretary Bryan was at his desk at a good part of last night and was on the job early this morning. Although he is apparently greatly worried over the latest developments he declined to comment on Villa's defiant attitude.

There are ugly rumors afloat regarding other developments in northern Mexico. The State Department is about convinced that Baugh and John Lawrence have already been executed by Villa's orders.

MYSTERY SURROUNDING CARRANZA'S MOVEMENTS

Has He Abandoned the Revolution?—His whereabouts is unknown. El Paso, Texas, Feb. 25.—The mystery surrounding the movements of General Carranza, chief of the Mexican constitutional army, gave rise to the rumor that he has disappeared from the State of Sonora. The constitutional officers at Juarez denied any knowledge of his whereabouts, although several expressed the belief that he is with the principal party comprising provisional constitutionalism of the government en route to Chihuahua City, and ridiculed the rumor that he has abandoned the revolution. However, since Benton's execution the United States has been trying to get an expression from Carranza as to what he proposed to do in the matter, but received no reply from him.

Villa Says Benton Murdered Four Men

Juarez, Mexico, Feb. 24.—A telegram in which General Villa at Chihuahua charged the late William S. Benton with being a cattle thief and having committed four murders was received at military headquarters here today. The telegram follows: "I expected the scandalous American press to attack me about the execution of Benton. But I did not have any other remedy to avoid new attempts of the foreign Huertistas who, protected by the flag of their country, believe they are authorized to commit the greatest of crimes. Benton was all his life a criminal of the worst kind. In the times of Terrazas and Creel, protected by these men, he killed more than four men without any provocation whatever. Then after the taking of Chihuahua, in common with the above named individuals and according to his own confession, he appropriated more than 1,000 head of cattle which did not belong to him and, furthermore, the day he came to see me he attempted to kill me. Fortunately I anticipated his movements and disarmed him. All these motives, and especially the last named one, forced me to act severely against Benton without taking into consideration the fact that he was a foreigner. Therefore he was executed, and I am disposed to give an account of the execution to the entire world. Please make the above declaration to Mr. Carothers and to the American press.

"FRANCISCO VILLA. General in Chief."

New Masonic Temple Charlotte, Feb. 24.—The official program for the laying of the corner stone of the Masonic temple here next Wednesday, March 4, has been announced. The grand lodge of Masons opens at the old temple at 2:30 in the afternoon with Grand Master J. T. Alderman presiding. The grand lodge under escort of detachment of Knights Templar will move in formal order to the site of the new temple.

Sensational Military Trial.

New London, Conn., Feb. 24.—Major Benjamin M. Koehler, of the coast artillery, went before a military tribunal at Fort Terry to answer charges of conduct unbecoming an officer and allegations against his morality. The trial is marked with great secrecy, and promises to be one of the most sensational in the history of the army.

IF YOU WANT TO SEE A REAL MOVIE SEE MILL FLORENCE LAWRENCE IN "A FALSE BRIDE" AT THE PASTIME TODAY.

YOU CAN PARTAKE AT THE MOVIE MAIN TODAY. SOME SHOW.

CONCERT LAST EVENING.

Third Annual Concert Given at the Opera House By Concord Choral Club.

The third annual concert of the Concord Choral Club was given at the opera house last evening under the direction of Prof. Harry J. Zehm, who has ably directed the club since its organization. The concert was fully in keeping with those given by the club in the past in point of excellence, and the audience, though not as large as the entertainment warranted on account of the extremely cold weather, apparently enjoyed every number.

Besides the choruses the club was assisted by Mr. John George Harris, baritone, of Charlotte, Mrs. C. P. MacLaughlin and Miss Janie Patterson, and Miss Josephine Branner Atkins. The efforts of Mrs. MacLaughlin and Miss Patterson sustained more fully than ever their previous reputations as soloists as both have often delighted Concord audiences with their singing, each time winning applause and additional praise. Miss Atkins rendered two violin solos and the audience manifested its appreciation on each occasion by demanding an encore. Miss Atkins plays with an ease and grace that adds a marked charm to her music.

Mr. Harris gave six songs, arranged in groups. He is the possessor of a fine baritone voice, rich, resonant and pleasing. He enunciated clearly and his solos were well received. His last song, "The Sweetest Flower That Blows," was written by Miss Janie Patterson, of this city. Misses Atkins and Herring played in an excellent manner the accompaniments of Miss Patterson and Mrs. MacLaughlin respectively.

Mr. Kay Patterson added much to the enjoyment of the evening by accompanying Miss Patterson with the flute in the last song, "Lo, Here the Gentle Lark."

ROBBERY AND MURDER AT BARBER'S JUNCTION

Charred Body of Clerk Preston Lyster Found Last Night.—The Flames Spread Rapidly.

Charlotte, Feb. 24.—A charred body, believed to be that of Clerk Preston Lyster, and the remains of a revolver, were found at Barber's Junction, N. C., by a pistol shot at 8 o'clock, and it is believed that a safe was robbed, murder probably committed and the store fired by the robbers at that place tonight.

The first to arrive on the scene saw that two boxes were against the front door of the building, the safe door was open and a lamp turned blue cleaning feebly on the floor beside it, while flames were spreading from the rear of the building all over the store. He could not be found, but by the light of the others when the building was in ashes a body was found in what had been a back part of the building. This is supposed to be that of Lyster, as it is practically certain that he was in the store at 8 o'clock. No examination was made of the safe tonight. Sheriff McKenzie with deputies from Salisbury are searching for a clue to the robbers, if such there were, but the affair tonight is a seemingly impenetrable mystery.

Expect Republicans to Declare for Roosevelt.

Charlotte, W.-Va., Feb. 25.—It was confidently expected by Republican Roosevelt supporters that the Colonel would be formally urged as Republican candidate for President in 1916, at the open meeting of the Republican State Executive Committee today. The avowed program for today was to make party declarations and prepare and discuss plans for the coming campaign. Harry Curtin, acting chairman of the committee today reiterated his allegiance to Theodore Roosevelt, saying he supported the Colonel in 1912, and that he hopes "matters will so shape themselves as to make his nomination by the Republican party for President in 1916 a certainty."

A Note From Prof. Webb.

The furnaces at Central school failed to heat the building this morning. Everything possible was done to push them but when the rooms could not be heated to a proper temperature it was necessary to send one of the grades home. Bonds were issued last spring for the special purpose of furnishing an adequate heating plant for Central school, but the money has just become available.

Respectfully,
A. S. WEBB.

Lenten Services Begin at St. James Church.

Ash Wednesday services will be held at St. James Lutheran Church this evening at 7:30 o'clock, conducted by the pastor. Special Lenten services will be held every Wednesday and Friday evenings during Lent, at which time the pastor will emphasize in his addresses some fundamental demands of the Christian religion. The public is cordially invited to these services.

FAREWELL PARTY.

Last Evening to Miss Studie Smith Given By Misses Gibson and Lentz.

Miss Studie Smith was the honoree at a most enjoyable tango party last evening given by Misses Ellen Gibson and Margaret Lentz at the Gibson residence on North Union street. The event was a farewell party for Miss Smith, who will sail next week for Sweden to visit her brother, Mr. T. W. Smith, Jr. The attractive honoree was the recipient of a number of useful and appropriate parting gifts from the guests. Following the dancing a salad course and chocolate was served. The guests were: Mesdames W. H. Gibson, J. F. Cannon, E. A. Moss, C. L. Smith, A. E. Lentz, J. D. Hatcher, of Atlanta, W. G. Cobb, of Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. John Fox, Misses Nan Cannon, Kate Means, Shirley Montgomery, Ashley Lowe, Studie Smith and Helen Troy; Messrs. Luther Brown, Fred Correll, Henry Smith, Fred Bost, Mack Buchanan, William Sherrill and John M. Oglesby.

WEDDING THIS EVENING.

Miss Corrie Boyd Will Become the Bride of Mr. A. J. C. Cottingham, of Dillon, S. C.

A wedding that will be of interest to the numerous friends of the contracting parties will be solemnized this evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. W. C. Boyd, on North Union street when Miss Corrie Boyd will become the bride of Mr. A. J. C. Cottingham, of Dillon, S. C. The wedding will be witnessed by only relatives and close friends of the contracting parties. The bride will be attended by her sister, Miss Lottie Boyd, maid of honor. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier. Immediately after the ceremony the couple will leave for Dillon, S. C., where they will make their home.

Atlanta Bible Conference.

Atlanta, February 25.—The Old Time Religion is Good Enough for Me," will be the favorite theme, in spirit if not in fact, at the coming sixteenth annual session of the Atlanta Bible Conference, which opens Sunday.

The so-called higher criticism which denies the miraculous elements of the Bible and reduces all to a common-sense level, will get its bumps from the start. Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, the modern Savonarola, who crossed the ocean a few weeks ago from London to be present at the Atlanta conference, delivered a sermon the other day at Washington, D. C., that puts him squarely on record as opposed to everything that the Dr. Elliot type of scholars have been standing for. "If you don't believe in the virgin birth of Christ, then what is God's name is there left for you to believe in?" asks Dr. Morgan.

Germans After World Trade.

Berlin, Feb. 25.—An important step in the German campaign to wrest the commercial supremacy of the world from the Anglo-Saxons will be taken here tomorrow, when leading manufacturers and exporters from all parts of the empire will gather here to perfect the organization of the German Association for World Trade. The formation of a German-American Trade League was the original plan of the promoters, but they have now decided to widen the scope of their enterprise so as to include a campaign for export trade on behalf of Germany in all the markets of the world. The South American field is to receive first attention and it is generally understood that the approaching visit of Prince Henry of Prussia to Brazil, Argentina and other of the South American countries is in reality but a part of the international business-getting campaign undertaken by the German manufacturers and exporters and warmly sanctioned by the government.

To Try Aeroplane Ambulances.

London, Feb. 25.—The British War Office has decided to experiment with "aeroplane ambulances" to ascertain the practicability of using air craft to transport wounded from a field of battle. According to semi-official announcements the military authorities will place an aeroplane at the disposal of the British Red Cross Society for the purpose of a demonstration of the new method.

Box Supper at Georgeville School.

The following invitations have been issued: The teachers and students of Georgeville School desire the honor of your presence at their Box Supper February twenty-eighth nineteen hundred and fourteen seven-thirty.

The past and the present, round in one, do make a grand show in snow.—Tannan.

WILL DETERMINE CAUSE OF BENTON'S DEATH

United States Has Obligated Himself to Great Britain For This.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The exact cause of Benton's death must be determined. The United States has obligated itself to Great Britain for this. This was admitted at the White House and the State Department. How to keep the promise is seriously troubling the administration. The State Department is trying to have the body of Benton delivered to Consul Letcher at Chihuahua City, but it is not believed here that it will succeed. The alternative is to accept Villa's offer to disinter the body for Mrs. Benton's inspection with a representative of this government present. The representative will probably be an army surgeon who will demand permission to make a complete examination. O'Shaughnessy wired that he cannot locate Benardes, the Californian, who is reported to have been arrested by the federales. The efforts to clear up the fate of Baugh and Lawrence have failed.

To Launch Giant Steamship.

London, Feb. 25.—An ocean steamship that will rank among the largest and most luxurious vessels in the world is scheduled to be launched tomorrow at Messrs. Harland and Wolff's shipyards at Belfast. The vessel will be christened Britanica. She is being built for the White Star line, which means that to a large extent she is a product of American enterprise. The line has our flag and is managed by American capitalists. The new steamship will be an answer to the Cunard line, which is about to put out the mammoth Aquitania to stand for British supremacy on the seas.

The Britanica is commonly spoken of as a sister ship of the Olympic and the ill-fated Titanic, but while she corresponds to those vessels in her general dimensions there are some radical differences in her construction. She will have a length of nearly 1,000 feet and a breadth of 80 feet. Her tonnage will be 60,000, which is about equal to a mile-long train of 30-ton cars. In the magnitude of her furnishings and equipment the Britanica will take her place at the head of the fleet of floating palaces that ply the Atlantic. The suites of cabins are to be in their design and fittings equal to the rooms of the finest hotels in America or Europe. Dancing rooms, smoking rooms, cafes, a library, a skating rink, swimming tanks and even gardens, with beds of roses and carnations, and arbors skillfully contrived by expert gardeners, are to occupy prominent positions in the great hull.

On the Stump at Age of 81.

Olathe, Kan., Feb. 25.—John P. St. John, former governor of Kansas, celebrated his eight-first birthday today. His home is in this city, but the greater part of his time is spent in traveling throughout the country in the interest of the temperance movement. Mr. St. John was governor of Kansas at the time the prohibition law was placed upon the statute books and has always been known as the prohibition governor. In 1884 he was the candidate of the Prohibition party for President of the United States. Although he has passed his eightieth milestone and has made more than 4,500 speeches for prohibition, the former Governor is still one of the most active campaigners for the party. In a recent interview he declared that he confidently expected to live to see the whole country "dry."

Husband Used Sick Wife's Name to Get Whiskey.

Wadesboro Ansonian. A Wadesboro physician called on one of his lady patients recently, so the story goes, and found that she was not getting along very well; nothing seemed to do her any good, she said. "What about that whiskey I sent you last Saturday?" he said. "Whiskey? Why you didn't send me any whiskey," she replied. "Oh, yes," said the physician, "your husband came for a prescription for you and I gave him one for a quart of whiskey." "I didn't get a drop of it," she replied, "but my husband got drunk on it." She then warned the physician not to give that husband any more whiskey prescriptions for her.

Death of John K. Berryhill.

Mr. John K. Berryhill died yesterday afternoon at the home of his brother, Mr. M. V. Berryhill, on North Kerr street. Mr. Berryhill was a native of Mecklenburg county. He was unmarried and is survived by a number of relatives in this and Mecklenburg county. The funeral was held at the home this afternoon at 2 o'clock and was conducted by Rev. A. L. Coburn, pastor of Epworth Methodist Church. The interment was made at Oakwood cemetery.

Requisition for Negro Charged With Seduction of 13-Year-Old Girl.

Raleigh, Feb. 25.—Governor Craig has issued a requisition of the governor of Pennsylvania for George Timin, a negro, wanted in Guilford county for the alleged seduction of a white girl, 13 years old, who is now a ward.

A FORTUNE TELLER REVEALS A MURDER

Remarkable Story of Recovery of Body of Mining Engineer.

Paris, Feb. 25.—A great sensation has been caused by the discovery of the body of an engineer named Cadion, manager of a factory near Breest, who mysteriously disappeared last December. The story of the discovery of the body is a remarkable one. A brother of M. Cadion, after making unceasing efforts to solve the riddle of the disappearance, received a letter from a relative at Nancy, in which was an account of a conversation the writer had had with a fortune-teller. The missing man, the fortune-teller had said, was murdered by a tall, dark, bearded man of about thirty-five years, who had hidden the body in a ditch in a wood not far from the factory, and covered it with earth. The dead man's brother, although incredulous, made a search in the place indicated and at the exact spot described by the fortune-teller the body was discovered. The latest development in the case is the arrest of a partner of the murdered man on an accusation of having committed the crime. The accused is said to answer the description of the murderer as given by the fortune teller.

Ohio G. O. P. Conference.

Columbus, O., Feb. 25.—Arrangements have been concluded for the get-together conference of Ohio Republicans to be held here tomorrow and for the banquet which will be a feature of the gathering. Prominent Republican leaders who have already arrived in the city agree that the conference will have important results with relation to the future of the party and its success in the coming State campaign. A last effort will be made to bring about a reconciliation with the Progressives. Some of the Republican leaders profess a hope that the attempt to bring the Progressives back into the fold will succeed, notwithstanding the fact that the Progressives already have agreed upon candidates for United States Senator and Governor and have otherwise manifested their determination to go it alone. Several prominent Progressive leaders, however, have accepted the invitation to attend the Republican conference and this has fostered the hope that a reconciliation may be accomplished. As the principal argument in favor of a reconciliation is the belief that with three party tickets in the field the reelection of Governor Cox and the success of the whole Democratic ticket will be assured.

Income Tax Returns.

Atlanta, February 25.—If you are among the happy or unhappy few who make over \$4,000, if you are single, or married, it is up to you this single or over \$4,000, if you are married, it is up to you this week. You have got to come across with the facts. You better had, for if you don't Uncle Sam'll get you sure. "Less than one week remains to make your income tax returns, and after March 1 the heavy penalty prescribed by law will fall on the delinquent. Not only must the individuals come across, but in addition a corporation in Georgia, whether it made millions or lost money during the past year, is required to file a return with a O. B. Blalock, collector of internal revenue, at the Federal building, this city, before the first of the month. Aside from the corporations every individual in Georgia whose net income is \$500.00 per year, or was \$2,500 for the ten months of 1913 during which the new law was in operation, is required to file a return on a blank supplied by the government for the purpose. The only thing that will let you out is a bona fide case of illness such as will actually prevent you from making the return.

Beginning of the Lenten Season.

New York, Feb. 25.—Today, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of the Lenten season. The annual fast of forty days observed from very early times in the Christian Church, continues until Easter, for which feast the fast serves also as a season of special penitence and preparation. The forty days of Lent are in commemoration of Christ's forty days' fast. The Lenten fast is now observed as obligatory by the Orthodox Greek and Oriental churches, as well as by the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran.

Owner of Monticello Denies Wish to Sell.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 24.—Congressman Jefferson M. Levy of New York, owner of Monticello, the home and tomb of Thomas Jefferson, in a letter received here today, denied that he had ever offered to sell that historic property for \$1,000,000. Regarding the action of the Virginia Legislature in adopting resolutions urging Congress to buy Monticello, Mr. Levy says it seems that he should have been given a hearing. "If not too late I should be glad to have that opportunity now," he added.

Ascends 10,395 Feet in a Bi-Plane.

Chartres, France, Feb. 25.—Aviator Gafner ascended 10,395 feet in a bi-plane with four passengers, establishing a new world's record.

FOREST HILL NEWS.

Events of Interest Gathered By The Tribune's Correspondent in North-east Concord.

Mr. Frank Misener, who moved to Bessemer City several months ago from Concord, has returned to Concord to work for the Locke Mills. He will move his family here in the near future.

Mr. Roy Sapp has returned from Rock Hill where he has been attending school at the Carolina Business College.

Mr. Scott Walters, who has been living in Wilmington for several months, has returned to Concord to live.

Mr. G. F. Pooy, of Danville, is visiting friends in Concord.

Mr. John Troutman, who has been in Albemarle for some time, spent Sunday here with his family.

Mr. William J. White has returned to his home in Kannapolis, after a visit to relatives here.

Mr. Joe W. Beaver spent Saturday at Whitey and had a good look at the many interesting sights there.

Mrs. R. G. Bruton, of Charlotte, is visiting at the home of Mr. John Crowder.

The families of Messrs. J. F. Morgan, J. R. Russell, S. H. Willeford and Mrs. Sam Morgan spent Sunday in Salisbury where they were guests at a birthday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Plyler.

Mr. Luther Jones and Miss Jenny Cronch were married in Charlotte last Monday. They were accompanied to Charlotte by Mr. Vic Widenhouse. The many friends of this couple wish them much happiness.

The protracted meeting at McKinney Presbyterian Church closed Sunday night after a very successful week's work. The week's work was rewarded with 45 conversions, and ten new members have been added to the church.

Mrs. Jenny Smith died at her home on St. Mary's street Saturday night after an illness of several weeks' duration. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon and the interment made at the old home place near Post Mill. Mrs. Smith is survived by five children, Messrs. T. J. and James Smith and Misses Lela and Lizzie Smith and Mrs. Charles Plyler, of Concord, and Mrs. Paul Lataker, of Kannapolis.

Webb Has Not Been Turned Down.

Washington, Feb. 24.—A report as been circulated in North Carolina that Representative Webb has been turned down as chairman of the judiciary committee. It is not true. Mr. Webb is ranking member of this important committee, and if a vote were taken today to elect a chairman of the ninth district the Congressman would receive practically the unanimous vote. "The practically unanimous" meaning that Chairman Clayton of Alabama, and Congressman Farlin, of Virginia, would probably vote against Webb. Webb defeated them in their effort to keep the committee from reporting out the Webb liquor bill. They have never forgiven him.

THE PROGRAM AT THE MAIN TODAY IS A WINNER.

No man wants to bet so wise that he can't learn from the baby.

TROOPS TO BE READY FOR QUICK ACTION

THE TIP IS GIVEN TO FOUR ARMY POSTS.

Where Cavalry Regiments Are Stationed to Be Ready on Short Notice.—Secretary Bryan Would Not Indicate Whether or Not He is Satisfied With Villa's Statement About Baugh.—Villa Has Told Three Contradictory Tales About It.

Washington, Feb. 25.—It is understood that a quiet tip has gone to the four army posts where cavalry regiments are stationed to be made ready for quick action on short notice.

Emphatic denial of the report that Gustav Baugh is held prisoner at Chihuahua was received at the State Department from Villa. Secretary Bryan would not indicate whether or not he is satisfied with the Villa denial. It was pointed out to Mr. Bryan that Villa made three contradictory statements regarding Baugh, but he refused to comment on them.

BATTLE EXPECTED.

Rebels Have Been Holding Up Passenger Trains.—Federals Sent to Route Them.

Mexico City, Feb. 25.—A battle is fully expected at Tepicahuac on the Interoceanic Railway where the Rebels have been holding up passenger trains. A large force of Federals has been sent out to rout them. War Minister Blanquet said Constitutionals are again reported as gathered for an assault on Mazatlan. The Rebels expected to make desperate effort to take two Mexican cruisers off Mazatlan.

WILL BECKER BE FREED?

May Not Even Go to Trial a Second Time.

New York, Feb. 25.—That the action of the court of appeals in granting ex-Lieutenant Becker a new trial means that he will eventually be freed and may not even go to trial a second time, was the belief expressed here. District Attorney Whitman has not yet said whether he will endeavor to bring Becker to trial again immediately. He may be brought to the toms here tomorrow.

Says Supreme Court Killed Pure Food and Drug Law.

Washington, Feb. 25.—That the Supreme Court has killed the food and drug law was the emphatic assertion of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, former chief chemist, in a statement reviewing the ruling in the bleached flour cases yesterday.

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