

CARRANZA IS ABOUT READY TO RETREAT

FROM HIS DEFIANT ATTITUDE IN BENTON CASE

Has Appointed Commission to Investigate the Englishman's Death. Fact that England Approves American Course Had Something to Do With It—State Department Still Pressing Demand That Benton's Body Be Exhumed.

Washington, March 4.—Carranza is believed by administration officials to be about ready to retreat from his defiant attitude in the Benton case. The news that he has appointed a commission to investigate the Englishman's death is taken as the first indication. The fact that Great Britain's avowed approval of the American course in the Benton case and the fact that Carranza's efforts to force recognition failed, it is expected, influenced Carranza to recede from his high course.

There is a distinct feeling of optimism among officials today, who apparently felt that the crisis is passed. Conferences between Sir Cecil Spring Rice, Sir Lionel Carden, the President and Secretary Bryan smoothed the way of accord between England and the United States.

The State Department is still pressing demands that Benton's body be exhumed and is seeking definite news of the missing men. The attempt to avoid payment to the United States for the care of refugees by this country was set on foot by Villa. Two attorneys were instructed by him to institute habeas corpus proceedings against the United States and the State of Texas against the freedom of refugees.

Bishop Kligo to Conduct the Revival in Charlotte

Charlotte, March 3.—The Methodists of Charlotte will unite in evangelistic services at Trinity church next Sunday and will continue these services until March 10. Bishop John C. Kligo will have charge of the services, which will doubtless be well attended not only by Methodists but by members of other churches who will go to hear this noted divine.

Dr. Word of Atlanta, Ga., will have charge of the music and he is equally noted in his chosen line of work as is the minister who will have charge. There will be a number of other Methodist ministers present during the services and the Methodist families are being asked to furnish homes for them during their short stay in the city.

Death of Mrs. Martin Furr

Mrs. Martin Furr died at her home near Friendship Methodist Church, three miles from Mount Pleasant Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock and was buried Tuesday at Center Grove Methodist Church, her pastor, Rev. C. F. Sherrill, conducting the services. Mrs. Furr was in her 59th year. She was Miss Mary Jane Rhinehardt, and was married to Mr. Martin Furr April 15, 1875. She was the mother of 13 children, two of whom survive here, Frank and Henry Furr. She is also survived by three brothers, Martin, James and William Rhinehardt, and one sister, Mrs. John Dry, of Concord. Mrs. Furr, in her last illness, joined the Methodist Church. She was conscious of the approaching end and with calm faith she expressed her readiness for the departure.

Change at Mt. Pleasant Barber Shop

Mr. Jesse Cox has assumed control of the barber shop at Mount Pleasant having purchased the fixtures from Mr. Barley Beaver. Mr. Beaver has been the accommodating barber for about 6 years and has many friends. He has not announced his plans, but he will be with Mr. Cox in the shop until after commencement, the last of May. Mr. Cox is the son of Mr. Frank Cox and is well equipped for his work. He will likely move his family to Mount Pleasant.

New Haitian Government Formally Recognized

Washington, March 4.—Formal recognition of the new Haitian government by a visit of state from Carranza, Bennett, of South Carolina, Carter Bennett, of South Carolina, and Candia Beckwith, of Maryland, was announced at the Navy Department. An American naval vessel has left Haitian waters.

The students of Trinity College

The students of Trinity College, whose football has been prohibited, have been an active competitor in the game scheduled at the college grounds on Saturday.

KANNAPOLIS NEWS

Y. M. C. A. Band Concert.—Mr. Andrews Goes to Mt. Holly.—New Baptist Pastor.—Baraca-Philathen Union.—New Postmaster Taken Charge.

The Y. M. C. A. band concert, which was given in the Y. M. C. A. hall Saturday night, February 21, drew the largest audience assembled in the hall lately, although this was the first attempt this season. They are indebted to Mrs. P. W. Tucker for her help in playing the piano accompaniments to all the quartettes of both the brass and stringed instruments. Mrs. Tucker has been highly complimented by those who heard her play and all look forward with anticipation to another programme, which will be rendered in the near future.

The band men also appreciate the earnest and efficient work of Prof. Ludwig, to whom they attribute in a large measure the success of the entertainment. The general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. also co-operate heartily with them in arranging the program and handling the large crowd, which he did with ease, looking after the comfort of all. The band hopes to make another program soon and will endeavor to make it surpass this one.

Rev. E. C. Andrews preached his farewell sermon at the First Baptist Church Sunday, February 22, to a large and appreciative audience. Mr. Andrews has accepted a call to the Baptist Church at Mt. Holly, and moved his family there last week. He has been pastor of the church here several years and through his untiring efforts a beautiful church has been built and the work on the charge thoroughly organized. He and his family leave a large number of friends who wish them success in their new field.

Rev. S. J. Becker, the new pastor of the Baptist Church here, arrived Saturday evening and preached Sunday morning and night to large congregations, who were anxious to form the acquaintance of their new pastor, although he is not an entire stranger here. Mrs. Becker, who will arrive this week will be no stranger either, as she has a number of friends here already. Mr. and Mrs. Becker are welcomed by the entire community.

The City Baraca-Philathen Union met in the Baptist Church yesterday evening, to perfect their union, and arrange for a service which will be held in the Presbyterian Church, at 3:15 next Sunday afternoon. They hope to have the church full at that hour. There will be two out of town speakers, Revs. A. D. Wauchope, of Concord, and G. A. Stamper, of Salisbury, who will address the audience on the work of the Baraca-Philathen movement. The Baptist and Methodist Sunday schools have had large classes for some time and the Presbyterians have organized a Baraca class recently. These classes are all earnest workers and are still growing.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday night an election was held to fill three vacancies in the board. There are nine directors and it is so arranged that the terms of three of them expire each year. Their successors are elected for a term of three years. At this meeting Mr. R. C. Propst was elected to succeed himself and Messrs. C. W. Lytly and C. M. Powell were elected to fill the other vacancies.

We noticed everything busy at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday evening. There was a large crowd enjoying the bowling games and the boys were swimming in the pool, men were taking shower baths, and the reading room was occupied by a dozen or more young men, reading the magazines and newspapers. A goodly number of men were in the pool room watching the games and a number of checker tables in the lobby were occupied by players with a number of lookers-on, and on the upper floor the boys were having a grand time taking gymnastic exercises.

Our new postmaster, Mr. F. C. Gilliam, took charge of the office Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mr. Gilliam has been in the office with the old postmaster, Mrs. C. C. Stevestret, for two or three weeks, getting familiar with the business which takes time in an office as large as this one, which was raised to the third class January 1. Mr. Gilliam is the second postmaster for this place. Mr. Stonestreet having been in charge ever since the office was established and he has made many friends here. We do not know what business he will follow but he is not the man to be idle. The new incumbent also has hosts of friends who congratulate him on his accession to the responsible position.

Next Sunday—It'll Be There

All Concord is talking it. The churches are making preparations for the annual conference of the Southern Baptist Convention next Sunday.

Tomorrow there will appear a sheet of all of Concord's Churches, with their location and pastors.

The program committee is glad to announce that Rev. E. P. Mack, of the First Baptist Church, will be the featured speaker at the annual conference of the Southern Baptist Convention next Sunday at 7:30. The program will be an interesting one.

REDUCED RATES ARE PROMISED CONCORD

IF TRUCK AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEM ARE INSTALLED

President Kestler of the Merchants' Association Receives Letter From North Carolina Inspector of South-eastern Underwriters' Association Stating That a Ten Per Cent Reduction in Insurance Rates Will be Made.

If Concord installs a motor fire truck and fire alarm system a reduction of 1 per cent in insurance rates will be made. A letter to this effect was received today by Mr. G. Ed. Kestler in response to inquiries to the South-eastern Underwriters' Association. The Merchants' Association has been making an effort for several weeks to ascertain just what equipment was necessary to secure a reduction and what rate would be made after the equipment was installed. The letter is from Mr. Paul B. Hulsh, manager of the North Carolina Inspection and Rating Bureau, and is as follows:

Dear Sir:—Your favor of the 23rd addressed to Mr. A. M. Schoen, Atlanta, has been referred to this office for attention. We are enclosing herewith copy of the report on your city and will call attention to the improvements necessary to secure second class rating.

It is our understanding that you propose to install a complete General Fire Alarm System and to purchase and use a 50 H. P. motor truck. We wish to advise that the installation of fire alarm system properly installed, or of a satisfactory automobile combination hose and chemical truck, with paid mechanic always on duty, this protection being in addition to the present fire fighting facilities, the town will be entitled to reduction of 5c for each item, that is, 5c credit will be allowed for approved fire alarm system and 5c for the auto truck provided the truck is in addition to the present fire fighting equipment.

This credit will be made with the understanding that proper City ordinances will be adopted, as in our opinion, the adoption of such ordinances as are set forth in our report are very important and can be easily maintained without cost to the city. We also wish to call your attention to the desirability of making improvements in the water works system as outlined in our report.

Trusting that the above is the information that you desire, we are, Yours very truly, PAUL B. HULFISH, Manager.

AGED WOMAN SENT TO PRISON FOR 30 YEARS

Nancy Hannah Kurles, 67 Years Old, Pleading Guilty to Murdering Grandchild.

Waynesville, March 3.—Judge Frank Carter, presiding over Swain county Superior court, has sentenced Nancy Hannah Kurles, of this county, to 30 years in state prison.

Attorneys for the woman entered a plea of guilty of second degree murder yesterday, and the plea was accepted. The woman, who is 67 years old, is accused of having killed her six-year-old grandchild, Robert Putnam, last spring by placing the child in a cove on a mountain side and walling the entrance up, leaving the child to die from exposure to cold and starvation. The crime was committed during the cold weather of last March and excited intense indignation in this county. The aged prisoner is now in Haywood jail, whence she will be taken to Raleigh later in the week.

Business in Mexico is 'Irregular'

Mexico City, March 4.—There is no way trying to do business in a regular way in irregular wartimes. One young American here, who has auto agency, got the inspiration to sell automobiles to the men who had newly grown wealthy in the Huerta regime. The new officials listened to him willingly and ordered lavishly.

One of his best cars went to the private secretary of a leading general, upon order, and two days later, he went to the man's office for the \$15,000 (Mexican money) check.

"Oh, that auto was not for me," said the Mexican. "I want it up there to Chapala, by sea and by land. You must go to Chapala for your money." Though the young American was the auto every day in the headquarters, with the Mexican of Chapala riding in it, he doesn't dare say anything in protest and he knows that a secret selling ground is being established for the auto.

Quarterly Meeting of First Baptist Church at Forest Hill. The following are the appointments for the remainder of the week: Thursday, March 5. Trinity Reformed—Revs. J. H. Hooten, A. E. Wauchope. Baraca-Philathen Union will take up the Go-to-Church Sunday problem at its meeting at Forest Hill Methodist Church. Friday, March 6. Central Methodist—Revs. C. P. MacLaughlin, W. B. Werner. Epworth Methodist—Revs. J. W. Whitley, W. T. Albright. Methodist Protestant—Revs. R. E. Brown and A. D. Wauchope. Please note that all services commence at 7:30 p. m. Public cordially invited.

TONIGHT AT ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Night of the Week's Prayer Meeting Services.—Meetings Also at Westford and Forest Hill.

Quite a large congregation assembled at the First Baptist Church last night to attend the prayermeeting service appointed for that time. However, owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the sexton, no fire had been made, and it was impossible to hold the service.

The services tonight will be held at St. James Lutheran and Westford and Forest Hill Methodist. The service at St. James will be conducted by Revs. J. A. McQuinn and W. C. Wauchope. The meeting at Westford will be in charge of Revs. R. E. E. Brown and J. W. Spader and that at Forest Hill will be conducted by Revs. J. H. Hooten and W. B. Werner. The following are the appointments for the remainder of the week:

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COLORED PASTORS WILL CO-OPERATE WITH WHITE

In Observing Go-to-Church Sunday on March 30th.

We, the pastors of the various colored churches of the city, have organized a Union, in which plans were made and committees appointed from each church to co-operate with said pastors in notifying every colored family in the city to attend church on "Go-to-Church Sunday," March 30th.

This is the day set apart by the white pastors and churches of Concord. They desire the colored to fall in line. We are glad to co-operate with them in this matter, and want to assure you that we are doing all we can to make that day profitable to our people. What is profitable to one is profitable to all.

One of our papers has said, "The church is the backbone of any community. It is the center of all our best life, our best thoughts, our best development. You, who do not go to all or infrequently at the best, do want to see it banished from the community. Yet you do not support it with your presence."

Go to church Sunday and keep on going. H. B. WALDEN, Pastor First Congregational Church, Concord, N. C.

Mrs. Wakefield's Lover Hanged

Hardford, Conn., March 3.—James Plew, companion of Bessie Wakefield, "the woman who never had a chance," convicted with her of murdering her husband, William Wakefield, last June, today was hanged in the "death yard" at Weathersfield State Prison. Plew and Mrs. Wakefield both were sentenced on November 5, to die on the gallows, following Plew's admission that he planned the murder and aided the woman, who is but 24, carrying it out. Judge L. F. Burpee passed sentence.

Immediately the woman was sentenced to be hanged a statewide fight was begun to save her from the gallows. The fight soon became nationwide, but Governor Baldwin declared he could not commute the sentence to life imprisonment. It was argued that Connecticut has not taken the life of a woman by hanging for more than 100 years; that Plew exerted and almost supernatural influence over the woman, who had been maltreated by her husband both before and after their marriage. She has two children—living, a boy six years old and a girl of 4. Shortly after the court ordered both Plew and Mrs. Wakefield to be hanged on March 4, the woman's lawyer secured a reprieve for her until the court meets later this month to receive the complete printed records of the case.

Hammer Cannot Locate His Office at Asheville

Washington, March 3.—The Attorney General has declined the proposition of having District Attorney Hammer's official residence at Asheville. He thinks that Mr. Hammer should have his headquarters in town where a Federal Judge is located. Ordnance or Asheville will likely be the place.

It is understood that Marvin Doree will not be permitted to see his official residence at Goldsboro. Senator Simmons is trying to help him, but the department is opposed to the plan.

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AMERICAN EMBASSY GUARD QUADRUPLED

O'SHAUGHNESSY IS PROTECTED BY MEXICAN BODYGUARD

His Life Has Been Threatened by the Carranzistas for Alleged Friendship for Huerta.—Mr. O'Shaughnessy Has Received a Score of Threatening Letters Warning Him That He Will Be Assassinated And the Embassy Blown Up.

Mexico City, March 4.—With his life threatened by Carranzistas for his alleged friendship with Huerta, Charge O'Shaughnessy went about protected by Mexican bodyguard. The American embassy guard has been quadrupled. Mr. O'Shaughnessy has received a score of threatening letters warning him that he will be assassinated and the embassy blown up.

FOREST HILL NEWS

Personal and Local Items of Interest from This Part of the City.

Mr. James Lee moved to Concord this week from Rockingham.

Mr. C. W. Yancy, of Statesville, spent Sunday here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown, of Salisbury, spent Sunday here with Mr. W. A. Suther.

Mrs. John W. Patterson has returned from a visit to her father at China Grove.

Mrs. J. F. Wright and children have returned from a visit to relatives at McAdenville.

Misses Lela and Lizzie Smith are spending this week in Kannapolis with relatives.

Mr. C. S. Smart has returned from a trip to Charlotte.

Mr. W. A. Wilkinson is able to be out after being confined to his home for a week with the grippe.

Mr. P. B. Rainford has been confined to his home for a week with a severe cold.

Mrs. M. L. Moore has been seriously ill for several days at her home on North Church Street.

The twin baby boys of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Walters died last week from pneumonia. They were about one month old.

Concord Hospital Notes

Mrs. F. C. McLaurin, of No. 30 Duval street, underwent a serious operation Monday night. Mrs. McLaurin's condition is improving nicely.

Miss Esther Whitlock, 226 Buffalo street, entered the hospital this morning to undergo an operation.

Miss Stella Lipe who recently underwent an operation, has returned to her home on East Depot street.

Mr. DeWitt Keller, who has been undergoing treatment at the hospital for several days, is improving nicely.

Mrs. C. E. Wats, of the Franklin mill, who recently underwent an operation, is improving nicely.

The Box Supper at Georgeville Postponed

On account of the rough weather, the box supper which was to have been held at Georgeville school on February 28, has been postponed until Saturday night, March 14th.

The invitations which were issued for February 28 are still holding good. Come and help us make our box supper a success. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

Says Life is Not Safe in Mexico

Washington, March 4.—Several Mexicans, familiar with the situation in Mexico, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that conditions there are "intolerable" declining to give names and saying lives would not be safe on the other side of the Rio Grande. The Mexicans were taken before the executive session committee by Senator Fall.

Henry A. Page is right, let's forget it. The fellow who never made a mistake in his life should twist the editor of the Charlotte Observer. The remainder of us should play shut mouth.—Salisbury Post.

OFFICER SHOTS A HORSE

Animal Feels Exhausted on Marsh Avenue.—Shot by Police but Made Desperate Effort to Live.

A horse belonging to a negro named Reed fell on Marsh street yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock. The animal was unable to get up and spent the afternoon on the side of the street. In the evening the police went there and shot the horse. After the shot was fired the officer pulled the wagon over the animal and left, planning to have the body removed this morning. A short time after the policeman departed the horse revived and proceeded to kick the wagon away and scrambled to its feet. The police was again summoned but, by the time the officer arrived, the bullet had performed its deadly task, and the old, exhausted horse fell to rise no more.

MR. LeGRAND TO LEAVE

Popular Superintendent of Brander Cotton Mill to Move to Shelby.

Mr. R. T. LeGrand has resigned his position as superintendent of the Brander Mill and has accepted a similar position with the Shelby cotton mill at Shelby. He will begin his new work in about two weeks.

Mr. LeGrand has been a resident of Concord for about two years. He is from Richmond county and is a member of the well known Leford family of the Pee Dee section. During their residence here Mr. and Mrs. LeGrand have made numerous friends to whom their departure will be a source of regret.

The Shelby mill has 15,000 spindles and 250 looms.

TO INSPECT STREETS

Members of Street Committee and City Engineer to go on Inspection Tour.

The city authorities are planning to continue the preliminary efforts toward constructing a permanent pavement on Union Street between St. James Lutheran Church and Gowan Medical Company's office. Aldermen Cook, Wilkinson and Best and City Engineer Long will go to Salisbury and Statesville Thursday to inspect the tarvia street at Statesville and the bitulithic at Salisbury. Maps of the street have been made and the same can be secured by the property owners at the office of City Engineer Long in the city hall.

May Build Sanatorium at Barium

Statesville, March 3.—A \$200,000 sanatorium at Barium Springs, five miles south of Statesville, is believed to be a probability. According to information given out in Statesville by a representative of the Post-Highly Company of Washington City, the company has purchased Stroeker property at Barium from Dr. T. H. Stroeker and will erect a mammoth sanatorium and make other extensive improvements.

The property purchased contains 17 acres and the purchase price was \$15,000.

Mr. B. L. Amick, of Rockwell, is spending the day in the city.

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