

## VILLA DID NOT LUNCH IN TORREON

### MAY NOT GET INTO THE CITY TODAY AT ALL.

Torreón has not fallen yet, according to the belief expressed here by careful observers of the situation. General Villa did not lunch at noon yesterday with General Bonaville in a Torreón cafe, as he promised, nor did he dine there. Early today it was doubtful whether he would get into the city today at all. That Villa was still "hammering away at Torreón," was the only information obtainable in constitutional circles at Juarez, as no word or news has come here from the seat of war since Tuesday morning, when a dispatch from Gomez Palacio said that the suburb was occupied by the constitutionalists, after forty hours of fighting. This was the only news received during the day except a brief dispatch from Chihuahua late in the afternoon, stating that fighting is still in progress at Gomez Palacio. The same dispatch said that the rebels occupied a railroad roundhouse holding it against a fierce federal attack, whether the rebels suffered a serious reverse as a result of this attack could not be ascertained.

### Chaspening Cotton Handling.

Charlotte, N. C., March 25.—For some time past cotton spinners have looked longingly at the cheap money enjoyed by the English spinner, and a plan suggested by J. B. Duke, of New York, which holds the prospect of equalling or beating them. The Duke plan proposes a co-operative organization owing a chain of warehouses available like the farmers, merchants and manufacturers, the receipt, weighing, sampling, grading and storages of bales of cotton; the issuance of warehouse receipts therefore; an adequate system of selling, inspecting and auditing; a board of directors and managing officers chosen from banking and financial centers that shall be entirely free from connection or alliance with the users of the warehouses, and lastly certifying of the warehouse receipts. This plan, completed in all details and ready for adoption, will be laid before the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association in New York in April.

### To Decide Method of Nomination.

Nashville, Tenn., March 25.—A meeting of the Democratic State Committee will be held here Friday to decide upon the method for naming candidates for governor and other State officers to be voted for the next election. Opinion is divided on the question as to whether the convention or primary plans should be adopted.

### Honor Roll of Rocky River Annex.

The following pupils have been neither tardy or absent for one month: Willie Russell, Zeb Smith, Odessa Dees, Jackson Dees.

## WANT UGLY POLES MOVED.

And Replaced By Metal Poles When New Pavement is Put Down on Union Street.

While the proposed work of making a permanent pavement on Union street from the Lutheran Church to St. Cloud Hotel is underway it has been proposed to have the telephone and trolley poles along this section of the street removed and poles of iron or some other metal put up. Such a change would add greatly to the appearance of the street and, if the change is made while the street work is being done, the cost would be much less than at any other time. If the aldermen and the various public service companies using the poles can reach an agreement by which this improvement can be made the town will be greatly benefited in appearance.

## DANIELS APPROVES OF PROGRESSIVE MEETING.

Writes Letter to J. W. Bailey Indorsing Proposed Democratic Mass Meeting.

Raleigh, March 24.—In a personal letter to J. W. Bailey just received here, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who is Democratic national committeeman for North Carolina, writes that he heartily indorses the proposed mass meeting of North Carolina Democrats for indorsement of progressive policies, and says: "In my conversation with the President with respect to this movement he heartily indorsed the effort to put North Carolina in harmony with the movement manifest all over the country in behalf of measures calculated to improve the condition of the people. He expressed surprise that North Carolina had not been a leader in these matters."

## Convention of Maine Democrats

Portland, Me., March 25.—Many delegates have arrived in Portland for the Democratic State Convention which is to be held tomorrow. As the primary system will be used this year in the nomination of the State ticket the principal business of the convention will be to adopt a platform and select State, district and county committees. Congressman Daniel J. McGillicuddy has been selected to act as temporary chairman of the convention.

## 835,435 Bales Ginned in North Carolina.

Raleigh, March 25.—The Federal report of cotton ginned and marketed to date just received shows that the North Carolina crop is 835,435 bales compared with 906,351 the previous year. Robeson led as usual, with 53,000 compared with 62,000 last year.

## TEACHERS' MEETING.

Last Meeting Held.—Interesting And Instructive.

The Teachers' Association held its last meeting for the year, March 21, 1914.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. T. W. Smith. The recitation was conducted by Dr. Bickle, in a very entertaining and instructive manner.

We think Dr. Bickle, from his long experience of teaching, could write a book on teaching that would be a great help to the teachers of any school.

Prof. W. F. McCanless, of the Rocky River high school, read a fine paper on "The Influence of the Public Schools," in the choice of a vocation.

Plans for a county commencement were discussed and the following committees appointed:

Athletic—Messrs. W. J. Weddington, D. W. Moore and W. J. Vanhook.

Decorations—Mrs. Ed. Erwin and Misses Helen Patterson, Iva Townsend, Emma Cannon, Emma Erwin, Mary Heilig, Mary Gourley, Olli-Castor, Helen Werner, Margaret Crowell.

The meeting was well attended. SECRETARY.

## COLLEGE BOY RISKED LIFE WITH ELEVATOR

Made Several Trips in Burning Duke Building—Elevator Boy Deserted.

Durham, March 24.—F. A. Whitesides, a Trinity College senior, was the hero of the fierce fire that destroyed \$800,000 worth of property here last night, and his daring possibly saved the lives of six or eight persons who had been asleep on the fourth and fifth floors of the Brodie L. Duke building.

Jumping into the elevator that had been deserted by the operator, this college youth ran it up and down its shaft through heat and smoke until the last person was down and until there was nothing left for the elevator to do. The last time, indeed, he could only go to the fourth floor—to go higher he would have been compelled to run into flaming air. When he came down this last trip the elevator wavered and shook with the rumblings of the flames, and when within eight feet of the bottom the car had practically nothing to move on, part of the woodwork having been burned and charred, and it all but fell with a crash. But on this last trip made through smoke and flame, with death playing in lurid forms all about risking his life to death as the solemn reward, with his nose and mouth covered by one hand and with the other hand piloting the elevator upward, the new elevator boy found one last man, the only man left in the building, and brought him to the cherished earth.

Thus he became a hero, and after his duty was done he slipped away.

## MANY RUSSELL BOOKS DESTROYED BY FLAMES

Rev. Mr. Ham and Kernersville Pastors Assist in the Work.

Kernersville, March 24.—Following the services at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, the congregations gathered in front of the church where a huge bonfire had been prepared, and great quantities of kerosene poured on the fuel. As the fire was lighted the crowd gathered around it and Rev. Mr. Ham read the 19th chapter of Acts, in the 19th verse of which he said there was divine authority for the burning of books about to ensue. At the conclusion of this brief service the various ministers of the town, Rev. Messrs. Goode, Pinnix, Bynum and Geringer assisted Rev. Mr. Ham in tearing to pieces the pile of books and throwing them in the flames. There were some twenty of these books, all teaching the doctrine of Russell. They had been recently sold throughout this community by an agent. The crowd witnessing the burning numbered several hundred.

## Erlanger Cotton Mill Ready for Operation.

The Erlanger cotton mill at Erlanger has begun operations. It will be several weeks yet till the weave room will be in operation, but the other end of the mill is doing business right along, with only a few of the machines in operation. This work started Monday. Work is being rushed throughout the whole mill and everything will be in full blast within a few weeks. The mill has already cost more than \$650,000, and when the extensions contemplated are completed, the plant will have cost \$1,000,000.

## Brewster's Millions.

"Brewster's Millions," by George Barr McCutcheon, is one of the most interesting and fascinating stories ever written. Its sales have been enormous, therefore, it has been read by countless thousands, who will be glad to renew acquaintances with "Monty" Brewster, "Peggy" Gray, Trixie Clayton and other old friends when they appear before the footlights tomorrow night. The stage version has been made by Winchell Smith and Bryon Ongley, two men who have made their marks in dramatic literature.

## To a girl all girls are alike. To a man all girls are different.

## ASQUITH CABINET ON VERGE OF FALL

### THE WAR SECRETARY HAS ALREADY RESIGNED.

It is Also Declared That Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George Has Also Taken Steps Toward Retirement.—Asquith Placed Responsibility of Army Upheaval on Secretary of War Seely.

London, March 25.—The Asquith cabinet is on the verge of fall. Although no official statement has been made, it is believed that War Secretary Seely has already resigned. It is also declared that Chancellor of Exchequer Lloyd George has possibly taken steps toward retirement.

The official report submitted to the House of Commons by Seely detailing negotiations between the war council and officers who resigned rather than serve in Ulster is declared by Unionists to be the "most amazing document ever submitted to Parliament." The admission of General Gough that he did insist on a detailed explanation of the services expected of his troops further aroused bitter feeling of the Laborites and Radicals. Premier Asquith placed the responsibility of the army upheaval on War Secretary Seely.

Seely Resigns.

London, March 25.—The resignation of War Minister Seely has been announced on the floor of the House of Commons.

## HOTEL CHANGES

Mr. Buren Neill to Leave St. Cloud to Manage Statesville Inn.

Mr. E. G. Gilmer, proprietor of the St. Cloud Hotel and Statesville Inn, has leased the Inn to Alexander Bros., of Statesville. Mrs. Carrie Neill and Mr. Buren Neill will take charge of the hotel and manage it for Alexander Bros.

Mr. Neill has resigned his position as clerk at the St. Cloud Hotel and will go to Statesville the latter part of the week to begin his new work. He is succeeded at the St. Cloud by Mr. Charles Wadsworth.

## NEGRO DRUG STORE LIQUOR IN SEWER.

'Public Execution' of Blind Tiger Liqueur by Anti-Saloon League.

Raleigh, March 25.—There was a "public execution" of blind tiger liqueur here this afternoon when representatives of the Anti-Saloon League emptied into a sewer on main street "bad" brandy and liquor confiscated from negro drug stores which were tried in the superior Court here yesterday. Quantities of the best liquors were given to the hospitals.

## Indians Are Coming.

Preliminary arrangements have gone forward, with the intention of giving a big spectacular production of the historical Indian opera and pageant Powhatan, with local talent of the city, under the auspices of the King's Daughters.

Powhatan has for its principal theme, the capture of John Smith by the Indians and his thrilling rescue by Pocahontas, the favorite daughter of the famous chief, Powhatan, exploiting the ideal tribe paposes, little braves, Indian maids, Indian feather girls, arrow girls, big warriors and squaws, and these various classes are now to be selected, from our "home talent" singers, ranging in ages from 6 to 17 year old and over.

Rehearsals will begin tomorrow, after the school hour, for the children and misses classes, and tomorrow night at 7:30 for the adults at Central school. Mr. Baker, of Chicago, who has had a large experience in training and also to furnish the costumes for the warrior's "Indian maids" and the character parts.

The cast of characters promises to be very interesting and the whole production is considered quite out of the ordinary and an unique and instructive form of high class entertainment. It is to be given April 14 and 15, Easter week.

## Reynolds Breaks Out in New Place.

Aheville, March 24.—Robert R. Reynolds who is running for Congressman James M. Gudger, Jr., seat in Congress has announced that he will canvass the country between Aheville and Murphy on horseback in the interest of his candidacy. He will travel 256 miles and will use seven horses. He will visit every house in the territory and will present each boy and girl candy on which will be printed: "Tell your daddy to vote for Bob Reynolds. He rode miles to bring you this candy and get your father's vote."

Mr. W. H. Stone, who has been making his home in Waynesville for the past year, will return to Concord next week. It is understood that Mr. Stone has rented the building where the laundry is located and will open a moving picture and vaudeville house there. The laundry will be moved into the new Ridenhour building.

## WILLIAMS-MAUNEY.

Miss Rachel Mauney to Wed Mr. R. W. Williams April 9.

Invitations reading as follows have been received here: Mrs. Josephine Mauney requests the pleasure of your company at the marriage of her daughter Rachel English to

Mr. Robert Walton Williams on Thursday morning, April the ninth at ten o'clock five hundred and sixty-five Ponce de Leon avenue Atlanta, Georgia.

Miss Mauney is from Salisbury, but has made her home in Atlanta for several years. She has frequently visited in Concord and has numerous friends here. Mr. Williams is a civil engineer and has made his headquarters here for several months while with the Southern Railroad. His headquarters are now in Atlanta.

## BURLESON DECLINES TO REMOVE STEWART

Page and Webb Protested Against Stewart Being Retained.—The Protest Futile.

Washington, March 24.—Postmaster General Burleson flatly refused to remove Second Assistant Postmaster General Joseph E. Stewart, a Republican, when requested to do so by Representatives Page and Webb.

The two North Carolina Congressmen told Mr. Burleson that there was a good bit of dissatisfaction over the retention in office of Stewart. Especially they said, was this true in the South, where Stewart has insisted upon placing negroes in the railway mail service where they would be brought in contact with white men.

Mr. Burleson explained that he could not dispense with the services of his Republican second assistant. He stated that he would not fire Stewart, even if it were possible to do so. Burleson said there were a number of suits pending between the railroad and the government. He declared that no man could handle these matters except Stewart, and therefore it was out of the question to talk of relieving the political boss of the Republican party.

## TEXT OF AMBASSADOR PAGE'S SPEECH

Sent to Senate Today By State Department.

Washington, March 25.—The State Department sent the exact text of Ambassador Page's long speech to the Senate today. The transcript shows that Mr. Page dwelt on the fact that America built the canal for "reason of its own," and added: "But it adds pleasure to the building to know that Great Britain will profit by it." In the paragraph referring to Monroe doctrine he said it is untrue that America is discouraging foreign investment in South America, but welcomed them if the other countries "did not take the country with them." He said the doctrine was originally against taking land, but of late years there had been "more refined methods of exploitations."

## ROWAN CORN CLUBS.

Boys Called to Meet in Salisbury on March 28.

Salisbury, March 24.—Through R. W. Freeman, government farm demonstrator, arrangements have been completed for several meetings of the members of corn clubs throughout Rowan county to be held in Salisbury Saturday, March 28. T. E. Brown, of West Raleigh, will be the speaker of the occasion and will explain the workings of the clubs and advantages of organization.

There are 92 Boys' Corn Clubs in Rowan and great things are expected this year. Preceding the general meeting on Saturday, lectures will be delivered at Cowan school house and Rockwell by R. E. Graber and W. E. Perry, agricultural experts sent by the Southern Railway Company.

## To Discuss Fixed Date for Easter.

Brussels, March 25.—A proposal to have the world to adopt a fixed date for Easter will be discussed and acted upon at the biennial meeting of the International Congress of Chambers of Commerce which is to meet in Paris next June. Such is the announcement made by the permanent committee of the Congress, which in Brussels today to approve the programme prepared for the Paris meeting.

The fact that the variable date for Easter causes much embarrassment and loss in certain lines of trade is responsible for the movement to have the festival celebrated on a fixed date. It is suggested by the supporters of the movement that the fixed date could be brought about by regulating Easter by the sun instead of the moon.

## See condensed statement of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, on first page.

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## TRADE IN CONCORD

## ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT OHIO FLOOD.

Solemn Services in Honor of Those Who Lost Their Lives in the Catastrophe.

Dayton, O., March 25.—One year ago today marked the beginning of the great floods which devastated almost the whole of Ohio and Indiana, and parts of Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia, Kentucky and several other states. In the loss of life and property Dayton was by far the greatest sufferer of any of the cities that were covered by the raging waters. In twelve months the city has accomplished wonders in rebuilding the structures that were destroyed by the flood and the great fire which accompanied it. Today the citizens of all classes joined in solemn services in memory of the men, women and children whose lives were lost in the catastrophe. At the same time flags were displayed in many buildings in celebration of the progress that has been made in rehabilitating the city.

It was in the middle of March of last year that the Central States were swept by a series of terrific cyclones and tornadoes, which were followed by five or six days of torrential rains. As late as the evening of March 24 the situation was not regarded as alarming, although floods were already imminent over the slope of the Ohio basin in the states of Ohio and Indiana. The downpour of rain throughout this section was the heaviest ever known.

During the night of March 24 all of the streams of Ohio and Indiana passed their flood stages, and within 24 hours many of them reached record-breaking heights. On the morning of March 25, one year ago today, the people of Dayton awoke to find that the Miami river had reached a height of eight feet above the highest figure previously recorded.

The breaking of the levees resulted in the inundation of two-thirds of the city, including the whole of the business section. Many places were under twenty feet of water. For several days some 75,000 people were massed in the upper stories of buildings. Many fires broke out and great suffering was caused by lack of food, shelter and dry clothing. When the waters finally subsided and the city relieved by outside help it was found that scores of lives had been lost and millions of dollars in property destroyed.

## CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. Editor: I, with my family, wish, through your friendly paper, to express our heartfelt thanks to all who were so good, kind and attentive to us in the sickness, death and burial of the wife and mother. We shall never forget their kindness in our bereavement.

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## The Panama Tolls Fight.

Washington, March 25.—The battle lines are drawn on the Panama tolls fight today. The debate begins tomorrow. The President's supporters claim a majority of seventy-five, that will be taken by Speaker Clark. Mr. Underwood made it plain that he has not changed his attitude against repeals.

## Vice President Marshall to Be in Charlotte.

The Washington correspondent of the Greensboro News of the 25th has the following: Vice President Marshall told a Charlotte delegation today that he would attend the Twentieth of May celebration at the Queen City. The only proviso was that he be allowed to talk on any subject he desired. It is being whispered around that the Vice President is planning to play a joke upon the Mecklenburg crowd by preparing a speech in which he will convince his audience that there is nothing to the Mecklenburg celebration which Charlotte proposes to celebrate. But Marshall is a kind hearted man and may not go that far.

## A. & M. COLLEGE BUILDING BURNED

### TEXTILE BUILDING COULD NOT SMOKE AT 2:30

Building And Machinery Cost Approximately \$80,000.—Loss Will Probably Be \$40,000.—Origin of Fire is Not Known, But Believed to Have Started From Cigarette Stump—Heroic Work of Students in Saving Other Buildings.

Raleigh, March 25.—This morning at 2:30 o'clock the textile building of the A. & M. College was destroyed by fire. The building and machinery cost approximately \$80,000. Over and above the small savings and insurance the loss will probably reach \$40,000. No explanation of the origin of the fire can be given, but some believe it to have started from a cigarette stump. The firemen and student body did splendid and heroic service in saving all other buildings which were seriously threatened at one time.

### Another Account.

Raleigh, March 25.—Fire early this morning almost completely destroyed the textile building of the A. & M. College building, valued at \$30,000 and equipment at \$40,000. The east wing and machinery contents were saved, valued at \$3,000. Only 35 per cent insurance was carried. The work of the textile department will continue without interruptions, the students getting factory experience in the mills here.

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March 24th, 1914.

### RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$211,321.36
Bonds and Stocks	5,100.00
Real Estate	7,301.94
Furniture and Fixtures	4,000.00
Cash and due from banks	105,033.32
	332,757.12

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 30,000.00
Surplus and Profits	9,720.27
Reserved for Interest	3,000.00
Bills Payable	10,000.00
Dividends Unpaid	28.00
Deposits	280,019.85
	332,757.12

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