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KILLED BY FIRING SQUAD TODAY AT JAUREZ.

THE PROCEEDINGS WERE VERY BRIEF

Valles Said He Was Not Responsible for the Acts of Villa, and Demanded to See "Your General."—Commander of Firing Squad Said He Had Orders to Kill, and He Carried Out His Orders in a Hurry—More Than 1,000 Refugees Arrive at El Paso.—All Were Aboard a Special Train Sent to Bring Them from the Mining District.

(By The Associated Press)

El Paso, Jan. 18.—Colonel Miguel Baca Valles, bandit chief, captured at Palomas, was executed this morning by a firing squad at Jaurez.

The proceedings were brief. The prisoner said: "I am not responsible for the acts of Villa. I beg to see your general." The officer commanding the firing squad said he had orders to kill and he and his soldiers stepped close to Valles and pointed point-blank into the prisoner's heart. More Than 100 Refugees Arrive at El Paso.

El Paso, Jan. 18.—More than 100 refugees from Chihuahua arrived here early today aboard a special train which started from the Mexican mining district yesterday afternoon. They reported Villa bandits scouring the country, clearing ranches, mines and other property belonging to foreigners of everything valuable. As far as is known refugees said no one was molested after the 18 Americans were massacred a week ago at Santa Isabel.

THE COTTON MARKET

Strong Liverpool Cables Fail to Promote any Important Demand.

(By The Associated Press)

New York, Jan. 18.—Strong Liverpool cables failed to promote any important demands in the cotton market here at the opening today and firm prices were three points lower to two points higher with active old crop positions selling about two to three points under last night's closing figures. There was a fair demand around 12.49 for March, 12.72 for May and 12.85 for July, however, and prices rallied during the morning on Liverpool buying, while there also seemed to be some scattered coverings by recent local sellers. New Orleans was a moderate seller on the advance, which carried the active positions three to eight points net higher toward the middle of the morning.

Cotton futures opened steady. January, 12.36; March, 12.51; May, 12.72; July, 12.85; and October 12.78.

MRS. OVERCASH IS STILL ALIVE TODAY.

Shot Sunday Night at Home of Her Parents.—But Little Hope For Her Recovery.

(By The Associated Press)

Statesville, N. C., Jan. 18.—Mrs. Houston Overcash, who was shot Sunday night at the home of her parents in Iredell, still was alive today, but physicians pronounced her condition critical and said there was little hope for her recovery. Houston Overcash, the woman's husband, who is charged with the attempted assassination, denies that he did the shooting.

The person who shot Mrs. Overcash fired through a window and more than 100 bird shot entered the woman's head and neck. Her mother, Mrs. Robert Winecoff, who was in the room at the time, also was struck by several shot, but was not seriously injured. Overcash and his wife, it was said, had been estranged and Overcash, the authorities declare, is said to have made threats against her.

MASONIC LODGE MEETS IN RALEIGH

FIRST SESSION OF ANNUAL MEET TO BE HELD TONIGHT.

NEARLY ALL LODGES REPRESENTED

Prominent Masons from South Carolina and Virginia Are Also Present.—Grand Master Hobgood is at Present in California, and Caffinot Be Present.—A. B. Andrews, Deputy Grand Master, Will Preside Over Sessions.—Officers for the Ensuing Year to Be Elected Wednesday and Sessions Will Conclude on Thursday.

(By The Associated Press)

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—The annual communication of the Masonic Grand Lodge of North Carolina will begin here tonight with delegates present from practically every lodge in the State. Prominent members of the order of South Carolina and Virginia are also here for the meeting.

Frank P. Hobgood Jr., of Greensboro, grand master of the grand lodge, at present, is in California and will not be in attendance. In the absence of Mr. Hobgood A. B. Andrews, Jr. of Raleigh, deputy grand master, will preside over the lodge. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected Wednesday night and the concluding sessions will take place Thursday morning.

ULTIMATUM TO GREECE.

France and Great Britain Present Note to Greek Government.

(By The Associated Press)

Berlin, Jan. 18.—A note to the Greek government amounting to an ultimatum, is said by the Overseas News Agency to have been presented by France and Great Britain. According to a Sofia dispatch to the news agency Greece is required to deliver their passports to the ministers of the Central powers within 48 hours, failing to do which the entente powers will take "necessary steps."

THE WHEAT MARKET.

Higher Cable Positions Put Strength in the Wheat Market.

(By The Associated Press)

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Higher cable positions put strength today in wheat and the European supply totals had only temporary bearish effect. Opening prices, which ranged from 1.8 to 7.8 higher, with May at 129 1-8 to 129 1-2 and July at 122 1-8 to 122 1-4 were followed by a moderate reaction and then a fresh upturn.

At The Theatrum Today, "His Majesty, the King."

No more charming play has been released recently than "His Majesty, the King"—tells of the adventures of two royal children—at the Theatrum today. Innocent of the seriousness of the dangers which beset herself and the infant King, the little Princess Helen (played by Helen Badgley, the Thanhouser kiddie) looks upon their flight and concealment among the peasantry as a delightful pastime. Her thrilling ride on horseback to carry Baby Brother out of the reach of their foes, while undertaken with all possible understanding of their immediate peril, still retains the sparkling quality of a story-book adventure. Helen no matter what happens, is "game."

Parks-Belk Co.'s Annual January White Sale.

The big annual January White Sale at the Parks-Belk Co.'s will begin Thursday morning, January 20, at 9 o'clock, and continue through Monday, January 31. They are now marking with yellow tags the goods for this sale, and on Thursday morning the store will not open till 9 o'clock. They are going to offer you these white goods at 8 cent cotton prices. They do not have this sale in order to get rid of old goods, as all goods have gone away up in price and are hard to get. This is your last chance to buy cotton goods at prices on a basis of 8 cent cotton. See the three big pages of ads. today.

Mrs. Montgomery Better.

(Special to The Tribune)

Greensboro, Jan. 18.—At 1 o'clock the condition of Mrs. W. J. Montgomery, who was this morning reported as dangerously sick at the home of Doctor Dodson, where she is visiting, was very much improved.

THREE, BUT NOT OF A KIND.



Left to Right: Brand Whitlock, United States Minister to Belgium; E. M. House, President Wilson's Messenger to American Ambassadors in Europe; Captain Karl Boy-Ed, Dismissed German Attache.

Captain Karl Boy-Ed, German attache of the embassy in Washington stood on the deck of the Dutch liner Rotterdam the other day, and smiled on the photographers as he was going away from here. The liner also carried Brand Whitlock, American minister of Belgium, back to his post in Brussels, and Col. E. M. House, who is going abroad with messages to American ambassadors at foreign capitals. They were all happy, even Boy-Ed, who is leaving the United States because the United States didn't want him here any more.

CABARRUS OPPORTUNITY EDITION OF TRIBUNE.

Meeting With Hearty Co-operation of Merchants and Business Men.

The Cabarrus Opportunity Edition is meeting with the hearty co-operation of the merchants and business men of this community, who foresee excellent results from such an edition.

There still remain some of our business men who have not yet had this matter placed before them. They, however, will be approached within this week, as the time for representation in this edition is now growing short.

Every citizen who has the welfare of his community at heart should enlist in this enterprise, which has for its object the furthering of the interests of our city and county.

The work of compiling this edition is going rapidly ahead, and some of the copy is already being set up. So now, while the time is ripe, let us combine to tell the rest of the country who we are, what we are, what we have, and what we are doing. Thus can we help the city and county of which we are justly proud.

MR. HENRY MABERY

Died This Morning at Morganton.—Funeral Tomorrow.

Mr. Henry Mabery died this morning at Morganton, a message conveying this information having been received by his brother, Mrs. William Mabery.

Mr. Mabery was a native of Stanly county and is survived by his wife and several children, who live at Kannapolis. He is also survived by four brothers, Messrs. Frank, Marshall, William and Richard Mabery, and five sisters, Mesdames Frank Miller, Jason Fisher, Porter Fox and Misses Mary and Rosa.

The body will be sent here and is expected to arrive tonight. The funeral will be held here but the hour and other arrangements have not been decided upon.

ARGUMENTS COMPLETED.

And Brown Case Started Yesterday, Will Reach Jury Today.

The case of Mrs. Bettie F. Brown vs. Southern Railway will reach the jury this afternoon. Argument by counsel was concluded this morning, Mr. J. Lee Crowell, of counsel for the plaintiff finishing his speech just before the court adjourned for noon recess. Judge Long will charge the jury immediately upon the reconvening of court. Mrs. Brown is suing the Southern Railway for \$20,000, for the death of her husband.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People From Concord And Elsewhere Who Come And Go.

Salisbury Post; Mr. R. A. Shinn, a former Salisbury man, now located in Concord, spent Sunday in the city.

Mr. Olin Hoover, of Richmond, Va., is visiting his mother, Mrs. D. R. Hoover.

Mr. Z. B. Spence, of Goldsboro, is a Concord visitor today.

Mr. B. Griffin, of Marshville, is visiting friends here.

Mr. M. M. McBrayer, of Shelby, is a Concord visitor today.

Mr. Harrison, of the American Telephone Company, was here yesterday afternoon on business.

Mr. C. E. Simmons, of Baltimore, a former citizen of Concord, is a visitor here today.

Mr. D. H. Harry, of Greensboro, is a visitor here today.

Dr. S. O. Holland, the osteopath who has been practicing here for some time, left last night for Salisbury, where he will locate for the practice of his profession.

Mr. D. R. Harry, of Greensboro, is a visitor here today.

Mr. H. P. Deaton, editor of the Mooreville Enterprise, is spending the day here with his mother, Mrs. M. G. Deaton.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Few Features of Interest Developed in Today's Trading.

(By The Associated Press)

New York, Jan. 18.—Few features of interest developed in today's early trading, prices showing no material change except in the special group. Bethlehem Steel rose five points to 493; American Coal Products 3 points to 173 and Merchants Marine gave promise of retaining all their recent prominence and strength, the common shares advancing a point to the new record of 23 3-8. Fertilizer, particularly Virginia-Carolina Chemical, also supplemented yesterday's gains, but elsewhere the list manifested similar tendencies. United States Steel and leading rails were moderately lower.

A rip raring comedy, "Two Hearts and a Thief," also a two-reel drama featuring little Henel Bagley, the Thanhouser kid, will be run at the Theatrum today.

RIGHT TO DECLARE A FORMAL BLOCKADE

HAS BEEN AGREED UPON BY THE ENTENTE ALLIES.

WILL MEET WITH BITTER PROTEST

Virtually Certain That the Formal Blockade of the Central Powers by a More Rigid Application of the "Ultimate Destination" Doctrine Will Result in the Bitter Protests of Holland, Sweden, Denmark and Possibly Norway Being Added to That of the United States.—Gov. O'Neal Speaks on Preparedness Today.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 18.—The right to declare a formal blockade of the Central Powers by a more rigid application of the "ultimate destination" doctrine has been agreed upon by the Entente Allies according to information in diplomatic circles here today.

It is regarded here as virtually certain that application of the blockade to neutrals will result in the United States opposition being supplemented by the bitter protest of Holland, Sweden, Denmark and possibly Norway.

Gov. O'Neal Speaks on Preparedness.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Former Governor O'Neal, of Alabama, speaking at the closing session of the National Civic Federation today, said the paramount duty of America is preparedness. He declared that it was difficult to believe that "peace at any price advocates" realized the debasing demoralizing doctrine they preach. The most serious opposition in Congress to the preparedness programme said Governor O'Neal, is expected from those who oppose any reduction in the size of the "pork barrel."

EXPERT TO GIVE AID IN FRAMING TAX LAW.

Dr. Charles L. Raper Accepts Invitation to Assist Joint Legislative Committee.

Durham, Jan. 17.—Dr. Charles Lee Raper, head of the Department of Economics in the University of North Carolina and rural investigator for the United States Department of Agriculture, has accepted an invitation to confer in framing a new tax system in New York.

Dr. Raper is ranked as one of the taxation experts of the country. He is author of a book on taxation and a book on railway transportation. He has studied the system of taxation abroad and extensively in the United States.

SENATE SMITH ADDRESSES SENATE

Says Extension of British Blockade Will Not Give Allies Additional Power to Restrict Trade.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 18.—Senator Hoke Smith, addressing the Senate today, declared that the extension of the British blockade would not give the Allies additional powers to restrict the trade of neutrals. The Senator had printed in the Record a portion of the State Department's note to Great Britain of March 30, 1915, expressing the assumption that even though a blockade existed innocent shipments could be transported from the United States through neutral nations through belligerent territory.

Inaugurated Governor of Mississippi.

(By The Associated Press)

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 18.—Theodore G. Bilbo was inaugurated Governor of Mississippi at noon today, succeeding Governor Earl Brewer, under whom Bilbo served as Lieutenant Governor.

The retiring Governor, who about two years ago directed the prosecution of Mr. Bilbo on charges of bribery, of which he was acquitted, took no part in the inauguration. The inaugural committee stated Mr. Bilbo told them he did not desire Mr. Brewer to make an address at his inauguration. Brewer, in a statement, said he did not propose to be humiliated by being paraded to the capital and shunted to one side and he declined to attend the ceremonies.

"The Millionaire Baby," at the Marsh today. Selig feature in six parts. Great. See it.

PREPAREDNESS WILL BE HIS TOPIC SOUTH ON HIS TOUR

WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE POINTS IN MIDDLE WEST.

PREPARATIONS WERE BEGUN AT THE

White House Today of the Itinerary of Several Trips the President Expects to Take Within the Next Few Months.—The President Believes That in Some Sections the Necessity of Strengthening the Army and Navy Fully is Not Realized.—Indications Today Were That His Visit Would Include the South.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 18.—President Wilson may carry his speaking campaign in behalf of his preparedness programme into the South. Preparations were begun at the White House today of the several trips the President expects to take within the next few months.

The President believes that in some sections the necessity of strengthening the army and navy fully is not realized. Invitations to visit more than 499 cities including points in the South have been received.

Indications today were that aside from his speeches in New York, January 27, and here February 10th, the President will deliver most of the addresses in the Middle West with possibly some in the South.

Will Press Shipping Bill.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Tentative agreement on the terms of the administration shipping bill which will be pressed in Congress this session was reached today at a conference between President Wilson and Chairman Alexander of the House Marine Committee. Mr. Alexander said he would introduce the bill early next week and before doing so would make it public. It is known to include provision for a shipping board to regulate rates much the same way the interstate commerce commission regulates rates and also provides for prohibition of other which may be used as naval auxiliaries.

Facts About Peasay.

Washington, Jan. 18.—After talking with Secretary Lansing today, Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, said he hoped the data on the Mexican situation, noted by the Senate, would be ready for submission tomorrow. Officials of the State Department were working to get material ready but indicated it might not be ready before Thursday.

MONTENEGRO HAS ASKED FOR PEACE.

Beset on All Sides by Enemies and All Retreat Out Of.

Beset on the north, east and west by Austro-Hungarian armies and with all lines of retreat cut off, except into Albania, where hostile tribesmen must be faced, Montenegro has asked Austria-Hungary for peace, and her request has been granted. The unconditional laying down of arms by Montenegro was made the basis of the opening of peace negotiations and Montenegro accepted these terms imposed by the dual monarchy.

This announcement was made to the Hungarian parliament by Premier Tisza, and it was met with an ovation on the part of the members of the chamber. Thus comes the first withdrawal of any belligerent from either of the alliances that have been fighting with each other since August, 1914.

News Arrives in England Too Late or Comment.

London, Jan. 18.—The news of the surrender of the government of Montenegro arrived here too late for editorial comment in the morning newspapers. In giving the news, however, the press generally explained that the event was not unexpected as a consequence of the crushing of Serbia.

Court of Inquiry Convened.

(By The Associated Press)

New York, Jan. 18.—The Court of Inquiry, appointed by Secretary Daniels to investigate the explosion on submarine E-2, which resulted in the loss of five lives and injury to five others, convened at New York navy yard today.

