

VENUSTIANO CARRANZA, PRESIDENT OF MEXICAN REPUBLIC WAS KILLED THURSDAY

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Official Announcement Made at Mexico City Last Night at Headquarters of Gen. Alvaro Obregon.

Mexico City, May 21.—President Venustiano Carranza, who with a very small party of followers had been a fugitive in the mountains of Puebla since late last week, was killed at Tlaxcala early Thursday morning, according to official announcement here. His companions, the names of whom are unknown, also were killed. Gen. Rodolfo Herrera, it is said, directed the attack that resulted in the death of the fugitive President and his followers. He belonged to forces commanded by Gen. Francisco de P. Mariel, who accompanied Carranza in his flight from that city but who last week deserted Carranza and joined the revolutionists.

The official announcement was given out at 10:30 tonight from the headquarters of Gen. Tivaro Obregon. Venustiano Carranza, elected President of Mexico, March 11, 1917, by the largest vote ever cast in a presidential election in his country, stepped from political obscurity to national and international prominence on the graves of the hopes of General Victoriano Huerta, the usurper, and his followers.

Simultaneously with General Huerta's coup d'etat and the assassination of President Madero, the news went out to the world that General Venustiano Carranza, elected Governor of the State of Coahuila in 1911, refused to recognize the usurper and would resist him by force of arms. "Madero's revolution was political," Carranza is quoted as having said. "Mine is a social one."

Having defied Huerta, Carranza rallied a small band of 600 followers which grew into a sizable army when he won the support of Francisco Villa, Carranza's influence spread rapidly, the military victories of his chief aide, Villa, rallying the various factions of Northern Mexico around his banner. For a time, however, real progress was slow. Huerta's machinations had embroiled Mexico with the United States and intervention seemed imminent. The killing of W. S. Benton, a British subject, by a staff officer of Villa, further complicated the situation.

Then came Villa's victory at Torreón, the first real success of the war. Carranza was pressing Huerta hard when the A. B. C. conference to discuss the differences between the United States and Huerta was called in Buffalo. General Carranza refused to suspend hostilities and declined to abide by the result of those diplomatic negotiations. The fighting went on with the result that General Huerta resigned the provisional presidency July 15, 1914, and a month later General Carranza made his triumphal entry into Mexico City, Huerta in the meantime having fled to Spain.

Shortly afterward independent revolutionists led by Zapata, General Pascual Orozco and others commenced. Dissension between Villa and Carranza, which began at the Torreón conference, reached its climax September 23, 1914, when Villa declared war on Carranza. General Alvaro Obregon became Carranza's leading general. In the diplomatic exchanges that ensued between President Wilson and Carranza, who had been officially recognized as the head of the de facto government by the United States in October, 1915, he insisted on the respect by the United States of Mexico's sovereignty and the concession to his government of reciprocal rights of extradition. He maintained his position despite the crisis caused by the clashes between Mexican and American soldiers at Parral and Carrizal, but when war seemed unavoidable Carranza succeeded in stemming the tide by his proposal for the appointment of a joint commission to settle the difficulties amicably. The proposal was accepted by President Wilson and the deliberations of the commission resulted in the withdrawal of the American army and the restoration of friendly relations between the two countries.

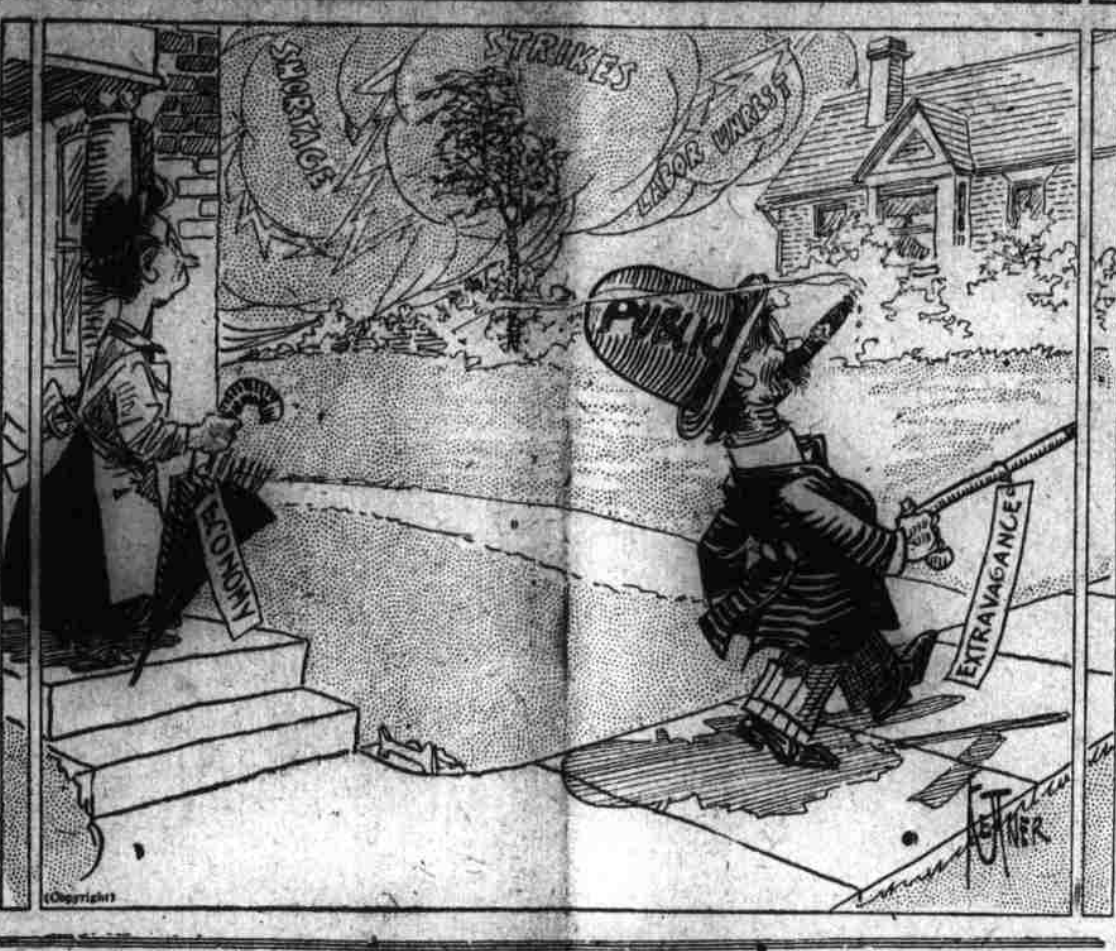
Rev. Frank Price of Nanking China at McKinlon Church. Rev. Frank Price of Nanking, China will speak at the McKinlon Presbyterian Church Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Price has been in China for a number of years and has done a noble work for the Master. It is with joy that we welcome Dr. Price as he is a soldier of the Cross who knows what it means to suffer for the cause of Christ. While in Concord he will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Richmond.

United States Will Accept Role of Arbitrator. Paris, May 22.—Ambassador Wallace informed the council of ambassadors today that President Wilson had announced that the United States would accept the role of arbitrator in fixing the boundaries of Armenia.

London, May 22.—The Bolshevik offensive against the Poles along the more northerly part of the front in the region of the Berestia, is continuing to make progress, according to Friday's official statement from Moscow, received by wireless today.

The nervous girl who bites her fingers is generally at it both and null.

Defying the Elements



SHUTTING OFF THE PLEASURE AUTO BUYERS

Use of Bank Funds to Buy Pleasure Automobiles Opposed by Reserve Governor at Atlanta.

Atlanta, May 22.—M. B. Wellborn, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, declares that the resources of the bank of this district should not be used to finance the purchase of strictly pleasure or passenger automobiles.

In a message sent to the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce at Washington, Mr. Wellborn said: "We have reached a point where we must consider affairs from the viewpoint of the general economic interest and to think primarily in fundamental terms of production of the necessary things of life and not in the narrower terms of enlarged business and increased profits."

"In these times it is necessary to control credit and unless we take a firm stand the more necessary demands of production and distribution will be jeopardized by being up our funds in redemptions that tend to encourage unusual extravagance."

Erroneous Report Corrected

New York, May 22.—Local or "neighborhood" clubs formerly operated by members of the Barbers' Supply Dealers' Association of America in various cities throughout the country have been continued in compliance with a decree signed on May 7th by Federal Judge August N. Hand in dissolution proceedings brought under the Sherman antitrust act, it was learned today.

An erroneous report circulated at the time Judge Hand signed the decree, stated that he ordered the dissolution of the central organization of the Barbers' Supply Dealers' Association of America. The existence of the central organization was not affected by the decree.

Prices of Wool Drop in Boston Auction Sales

Boston, May 21.—The price of wool slumped yesterday, a break of from 10 to 20 per cent, occurring at the auction sales conducted here under the auspices of the British Government. Only seven mills took part in the bidding and but 30 per cent of the wool offered for sale was disposed of.

Buyers are agreed that the peak of high prices for wools has passed. According to The Commercial Bulletin the drop in prices reflected cancellations of orders for goods, delays in transportation and declines in the Liverpool and London markets for raw wool.

Would Not Be Immune Under Proposed Amendment

Washington, May 22.—Army officers separated from the military service, but charged with offenses committed in the service would not be immune from court martial proceedings under a proposed amendment to articles of war sent by Secretary Baker to Chairman Kahn of the House Military Committee, and chairman Wadsworth of the Senate Military committee.

Some of the Party Are Safe

Mexico City, May 22.—Reports received here early this morning state that Gen. Juan Barragan, chief of the Presidential staff, Ygnacio Bonillas, former ambassador at Washington; Gen. Mariano Gonzales, and General Carranza in his flight from Al Federico Montes, who accompanied St. Andres, are safe. No mention is made of the others in the party.

A South African engineer is the inventor of a machine which he claims will solve the very difficult problem of cutting sugar cane by mechanical means. A rolling stone gathers no moss, unless it happens to be rolling in wealth.

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WAS STILL AT LIBERTY TODAY

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(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., May 22.—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the wealthy draft dodger who escaped from non-commissioned army officers at his mother's home here yesterday in a high powered motor car, was still at liberty today. Both Federal and city authorities said an all night search had failed to reveal even the direction in which he went. Baker Did Not Know of Bergdoll's Leaving Prison.

Washington, May 22.—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, wealthy draft dodger, who escaped from two army sergeants at Philadelphia yesterday was permitted to leave Fort Jay on representation of his counsel that he had secreted a large sum of money in a place known only to himself. Secretary Baker said today in a formal statement.

Secretary Baker denied that he had authorized the taking of Cleveland Bergdoll from Governor's Island to Philadelphia. He declared he did not know of any arrangement to permit Bergdoll to leave prison until he was notified of the prisoner's escape.

HEADLESS BODY OF WHITE MAN FOUND

Was Discovered on the Railroad Track Near Fayetteville.—Evidently Fell From Train.

(By the Associated Press.) Fayetteville, May 22.—The headless body of an unidentified white man believed to be B. Kicks of New York, was found on the railroad tracks here yesterday. It is believed he fell from a train sometime during last night. In the pockets of the victim's clothing were found three pawn tickets, one for a watch, one for a chain and another for a violin bow, and a key ring one of which bore the name of B. Kicks of New York. The head was completely severed from the body.

RUSSIAN SOVIETS GETTING IN WORK ON BRITISH SOLDIERS

Stern Measures to Smash Disorganization Have Been Decided Upon.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, May 22.—Disquieting incidents affecting the discipline of certain regiments of the British army have occurred recently, says the Daily Sketch, and investigation has revealed the fact that agents of the Russian soviet government have perfected a plan to make the army a "hotbed of disension."

Stern measures to smash disorganization have been decided upon, the newspaper declares, and important arrests are imminent. In addition wholesale deportations are to be expected.

EX-KAISER'S THINGS PUT UP AT AN AUCTION SALE

Throne Draperies, Hangings and Furniture Sold in New York.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, May 22.—Throne draperies, the throne room hangings and furniture, said to have graced several of the erstwhile royal palaces of former Emperor Wilhelm of Germany, were put up at auction here today. These are royal household furnishings carried here a month ago by Valdemar Povelsen, of Copenhagen, who declares one of Berlin's most reputable art establishments vouches for their authenticity.

Martial Law in Pesehen Area

(By the Associated Press.) Prague, Czechoslovakia, May 21.—Martial law was declared in the Pesehen plebiscite area Wednesday by the international commission. Bitter feeling has prevailed recently in the district between the Czech-Slovak and Polish workmen and some clashes have been reported.

Soldier Relief Legislation Has Right of Way

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 22.—On a strict party vote the House rules committee ordered a favorable report of the resolution giving the soldier relief legislation the right of way for House consideration. Chairman Campbell said the rule would not be presented to the House before Tuesday.

Methodist Protestant General Conference

(By the Associated Press.) Greensboro, May 22.—The election of officers carried over with other unfinished business yesterday, and the submission of reports of the general boards and commissions were the chief features of today's order of business of the quadrennial conference of the Methodist Protestant Church which opened here yesterday.

A new electric cloth-cutting device has a thin circular knife which revolves at a rate of six thousand revolutions per minute and cuts through many thicknesses of cloth. Many a man's shirt is merely something to guess with.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOURERS TO HOLD MEETING HERE

Southern District of Union Will Meet Here May 29th and 30th.

The Southern District of the North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union will meet with the members of the Union of the McKinlon Presbyterian Church in this city on Saturday and Sunday, May 29th and 30th. Southern District embraces every church in the following counties: Gaston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Union, Cabarrus, Rowan, Stanly, Anson, Montgomery, Richmond, Scotland and Moore.

The sessions of the convention will be held in the McKinlon Presbyterian Church, and the opening session will be held at 4 p. m. Saturday, May 29th. The following are the district officers who will preside at the meeting here:

Rev. Charles G. Lynch, Charlotte, President; Rev. G. W. Cheek, Albemarle, First Vice President; Mr. W. D. Crawford, Belmont, Second Vice President; Mr. Allen Chout, Huntersville, Third Vice President; Miss Mattie Little, Charlotte, Secretary.

Mr. F. H. Berman, Charlotte, Treasurer; Miss Edna Blackwelder, Charlotte, Superintendent of Junior Work. It is expected that at least fifty delegates will be here for the meeting, and plans have been made to entertain them while they are here. The Union is endeavoring now to place a Union in every Presbyterian church in the district, and this is the goal set forth for the district meeting.

RECEPTION FRIDAY

Messdames R. P. Gibson and E. W. Byrd Entertain in Honor of Misses Coltrane and Craig.

Miss Mary Branson Coltrane, a bride-elect of June, and Miss Bessie Craig, of Wilmington, the guest of Mrs. R. P. Gibson, were the honor guests at an elaborate reception given Friday afternoon from 4:30 to 6 o'clock by Messdames C. W. Byrd and R. P. Gibson, at the home of Mrs. Gibson on North Church street.

The home of Mrs. Gibson had been transformed into a veritable flower garden, the porch and each room in the house having been filled with a pleasing variety of flowers. On the front porch huge baskets of ragged robins, and iris had been placed, and the living room was filled with white and pink roses. The color scheme of pink was fully carried out in the decorations in the dining room, peonies and pink roses adding a delectable effect to the other appropriate decorations.

The guests were met at the front door by the receiving line composed of Messdames Gibson and Byrd, Victor A. Means, Roy Sanders, Misses Mary Branson and Elizabeth Coltrane and Miss Craig. Mrs. I. I. Davis invited the guests to the dining room, where they were received and served by Messdames D. L. Ross, William M. Sherrill and Miss Catherine Means.

An ice course, carrying out the color scheme of pink, was served to the guests during the afternoon.

Cumberland General Assembly

(By the Associated Press.) McKenzia, Tenn., May 22.—Sunday School work and young people's work were on today's program of the Cumberland General Assembly, in session here today.

Miss Laura Gilson has returned from Queen's College, Charlotte, where she has been teaching piano, theoretical music and history of music for the past three years. She is not planning to resume her work there in the fall, but expects to teach here.

The average woman either wants the hot word or doesn't seem to realize there is such a thing.

Rev. G. A. Martin

Pastor of the First Baptist Church, where the central union meetings of the great evangelistic campaign will be held each day at 10 a. m. The singers and evangelists from all the churches will meet here each morning. There will be a rare treat for all who can come. All Christians of all the churches are cordially invited to all of these churches.

Rev. R. W. Thiot, D. D., will preach at this church each evening at 8 p. m., and Prof. C. S. Caldwell will be in charge of the singing. Each of these men is a master in his calling. Hear them at every service.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Barely Steady at Decline of 22 to 37 Points.—Rallies Later.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, May 22.—The cotton market opened barely steady at a decline of 5 to 60 points generally 22 to 37 points lower under a renewal of scattering liquidation and local pressure promoted by reports of very small trade in cotton goods at first hands. There was a good deal of covering for over the week end, however, and there was some trade buying on the decline, and after settling at 37.70 for July and 34.65 for October there were rallies to 37.50 and 34.95 for these positions. This carried the market back to about last night's closing figures, with October selling 5 points net higher.

Cotton futures opened fairly steady, July 37.70; Oct. 34.75; Dec. 33.57; Jan. 32.80; Mar. 32.25.

Hitechock Summoned

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, May 22.—Frank H. Hitechock, former Postmaster General, has been summoned by the Senate presidential campaign expense investigation committee to appear at the opening of the inquiry Monday as the representative of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, Republican and Bernard M. Baruch, as the representative of William G. McAdoo, Democrat.

It was said that the committee had had considerable difficulty in ascertaining who should be called to represent Gen. Wood. Altogether some 25 representatives of the candidates had been summoned, but the committee hopes to complete the inquiry before the Republican convention opens June 8.

Men summoned were directed to bring all accounts of contributions and expenditures in campaign from every source, and all correspondence connected therewith.

Giant Stride Toward Church Union (By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, May 22.—Presbyterians accomplished a giant stride toward church union today when the merger with the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists, also known as the Welsh Presbyterian church was consummated.