

LOT TO MURDER NEW PRESIDENT

Huerta's Bodyguard Would Have Assassinated Him But For Accident.

NO ARRESTS YET MADE Full Investigation Of The Affair Is Now Being Conducted.

Mexico City, March 20.—According to information given by the private secretary of President Huerta the discovery of a letter in the National Palace yesterday foiled a plot by the members of the presidential bodyguard to assassinate Huerta last night. The secretary said the government had the names of persons who said members of the bodyguard a huge sum of kill Huerta.

Amenity Measure Signed. Mexico City, March 20.—The amnesty measure was signed today by President Huerta and telegraphed to the Governors of all the States for proclamation.

Pascual Arozco, Jr., who is working with the government to effect the cooperation of the adherents of the Zapata, brothers, is meeting with much success, and hopes to bring about the allegiance of the two leaders themselves.

The government is not convinced that Inez Salazar will continue in rebellion, and has sent him an order to join a column now on its way to Sonora. A large proportion of the forces intended for the Sonora campaign will be moved westward from Casas Grandes through the Mormon colonies.

Dispatches from Monterey indicate that the residents there fear an attack by Carranza. The arrest of Mayor Zambrano and twenty prominent residents has caused considerable excitement at that place.

The college professor is having his anings now. President Wilson seems to be looking to the educational institution for a good bit of his diplomatic labor. By the same token the frenzied financiers are getting a very poor show.

OPPOSE ATTACK ON WEBB LAW

Attorney General McReynolds Announces He Will Take a Hand In Liquor Fight.

LAW QUESTIONED IN RICHMOND First Case In Country Challenging Operation of Law Was Brought There.

Richmond, March 20.—An echo of the action begun earlier in the month by Richmond liquor dealers to secure relief from the operation of the Webb-Kenyon act, as applied to shipments destined for South Carolina, came from Washington yesterday in the form of a statement credited to Attorney General McReynolds, to the effect that should the Richmond dealers renew the fight the Department of Justice will take a hand.

Such a statement, it is reported, was made by Attorney-General McReynolds to Congressman E. Y. Webb, of North Carolina, co-author of the new national liquor act. Mr. Webb brought the recent action of the Richmond dealers to the attention of the Attorney-General, who is it said, will intervene in the first case that is brought challenging the operation of the Webb-Kenyon law in a State.

The attack in Richmond took the form of an application for a temporary injunction in the United States District Court to restrain the Southern Express Company from refusing to accept and forward liquor shipments destined to South Carolina points. Before Judge Waddill could act on the application, the express company removed the embargo under the authority of a temporary order issued by Judge Gary, of the South Carolina Supreme Court, calling upon agents in South Carolina to make deliveries. Judge Waddill subsequently refused to grant the injunction asked for.

With the removal of the South Carolina embargo, the chief grievance of the local dealers was dissolved, and it is now regarded as unlikely that further proceedings will be instituted here, unless Judge Gary's order is set aside and the express company again outlaws South Carolina shipments.

On April 7 a one week term of Craven County Superior Court will be convened in this city with Judge O. H. Allen of Kingston presiding. This term will be devoted exclusively to the hearing of civil cases. The next term at which criminal cases will be taken up will be convened on June 9.

An office tarting out to seek the man would run over half a dozen of choir.

SHOULD BE READY FOR EMERGENCIES

Secretary of War Wants United States Naval Forces Put in Condition.

NOT ADVOCATING MILITARISM Wants Small, Compact and Thoroughly Efficient Military Force.

Washington, March 20.—In an official statement of policy today Secretary of War Garrison declared in favor of immediate preparation of the military forces of the United States to meet any emergency, holding a discussion of disarmament by international agreement to be entirely out of place in the consideration of what the United States government should do to meet existing conditions. The secretary proposed retention of the regular army at its present strength, improvement of the national guard and creation of a reserve.

Declaring that he was not urging militarism, Mr. Garrison said the leading men in the United States army do not advocate militarism, which means the existence of a large standing army, compact, but thoroughly efficient army.

The most rabid anti-militarists, he said, could not seriously suggest that the greatest army of \$9,000 to look after a population of more than 110,000,000 in the United States and the insular possessions had any hint of militarism in it.

"One one will pretend," he added, "one will pretend," he added, "it at with a mobile force of less than 35,000 men in the United States proper) we are prepared; in fact, if you don't alter the condition, we are not even prepared to prepare. If we are called to meet force with force, we simply sacrifice men and money in a shameful way. We literally send men out to acquire their education in armies under the fire of an enemy, an enormity which has only to be stated to cause one to shrink from permitting it."

For relief, the secretary proposed reserve of trained officers and men; improvements in the present national guard and provision for a volunteer soldiery, to be trained while the regulars, the reserves and the national guards respond to the first danger call.

AVENGES SISTER JURY ACQUITS

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY RETURNED IN PASQUOTANK MURDER TRIAL.

(Special to the Journal) Elizabeth City, March 22.—After being out since 10:30 o'clock this morning the jury in the case in which Murden Stokely was charged with the murder of J. Fenton Towe, late this afternoon returned a verdict exonerating him of the crime. Immediately after the verdict had been rendered there was loud and prolonged applause from the several hundred people who had gathered in the court room to hear the final outcome of the trial.

The argument in the case was concluded yesterday afternoon and at the opening of the session this morning Judge Whedbee made his charge to the jury. This consumed more than an hour and was fair and impartial in every detail. The case was then given to the jury.

The crime for which young Stokely was on trial was for the murder of Towe, who had litigated a sister of the former and had refused to make restitution. Stokely's counsel put up a plea of temporary insanity and so well did they handle the case that the jury found in their favor and acquitted the defendant. The verdict created but little surprise.

Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels has recognized his own position in the appointment of Howard Banks of the Hickory Democrat as his secretary. Nobody in the newspaper profession in this State is more popular than Mr. Banks and there will be no contest among the fraternal organizations.

SAYS FRIEDMAN SERUM WILL CURE

Pittsburgh Physician After Exhaustive Tests Says There Is No Longer Any Doubt.

RESULTS SIMPLY ASTOUNDING Treatment Arrests The Disease and Starts the Building Up Process At Once.

Pittsburgh, March 21.—There is no longer any doubts about the curative effects of the "Friedmann tubercle" serum, said Dr. Austin B. Hill, the South Side physician who was the first practitioner to use the cure in this country. "Since I returned from Berlin, over six weeks ago, with the serum which I secured from Dr. Piorowski, I have been making exhaustive tests on tubercular patients in every stage of the disease. I have also sent the serum to several hundred physicians, who inquired for it, and I can gladly say now that my fondest hopes have been realized. The serum will cure tuberculosis; there can be no further doubt of that."

"The results secured in some cases are simply astounding. Not only am I speaking from my own experience, but from the experience of physicians to whom I have sent the serum. Their reports show that the treatment has not only arrested the disease, but that the building up process begun almost immediately, following the first signs of improvement."

"I am now sending serum as fast as I receive it to physicians throughout the country. Much of it I am sending to California, Colorado and the other Southwestern States. From the physicians in those States I am receiving glowing reports of the results attained by the use of the serum."

To Journal Subscribers: We haven't a regular man on the road to collect subscriptions for the Daily and Semi-Weekly Journal, but have made arrangements with Mr. Hugh Lancaster to look after the collecting and soliciting on Routes 1 and 2 from New Bern and also in Pamlico county, while Mr. R. C. Morton of Hubert will collect and solicit subscriptions in Jones and Onslow counties. We request all delinquents to see one of these gentlemen and settle subscription account or mail your remittance direct to the Journal at New Bern.

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The Willis Grocery Company have purchased from the Hyman Supply Company a handsome "Flanders" motor delivery wagon which they will use in making deliveries of groceries to their patrons. Motor delivery wagons are beginning to supplant the horse delivery wagons in this city and it will probably be only a matter of a few years before the latter will be used but very little.

PRIZE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS FOR BEST ESSAY ON COLONEL BUNCOMBE.

A prize of twenty-five dollars for the best essay on the life of Col. Edward Buncome written by a student of the high schools, public or private, in the State of North Carolina, has been offered by the North Carolina Society of the American Revolution. The conditions of the contest in addition to the one already mentioned are:

"All essays must be original work of the contestants, giving credit by quotations where verbatim copying is resorted to and referring to book and page from which quotation is made."

"Essays must not exceed 3000 words. In all essays facts are to be stated as facts and traditions as traditions."

"Three typewritten copies are required of each, one copy of which is to be sent to Mrs. W. N. Reynolds, Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution of North Carolina, Winston-Salem, N. C., one to Prof. N. C. Newbold, Washington, N. C., and one to R. T. Bonner, Aurora, N. C."

"The essays must all be filed with the above named persons before May 1st."

"If several students in one High School prepare essays the best one is to be selected from these by a local contest or in any other way the school authorities prefer. Only one essay, the best one, from any one school can compete in this contest."

Mr. McCombs decides after much consideration and deliberation that he doesn't want to be ambassador to France. It is more than likely that it was a wise decision, for there is reason to believe that McCombs will use more as a political manager than as a diplomat.

BANKERS BACK UP PRESIDENT WILSON

Approve Chief Executive's Action On The Chinese Loan Proposition.

STEEERS CLEAR OF PITFALLS Believe Government Should Take No Action Guaranteeing Payment.

Baltimore, March 21.—Almost without exception Baltimore bankers give unqualified indorsement to President Wilson's policy in regard to the Chinese loan.

They say his expressed views indicate broad statesmanship and sound judgment on a proposition into which it was not supposed his past training would give such a clear insight.

Austin McLanahan, of Alexander Brown & Sons, in discussing it, said: "No one who knows the President of who has followed closely his public utterances and acts will be surprised at the stand he has taken on this question. It is an issue in which a slight misstep now might lead to awkward and disagreeable complications hereafter. But he has met the question boldly and, I think, properly, and has made his views known in a logical and forceful way that cannot be misunderstood. It can be taken as a dogma of his administration, I think that under his rule there will be no partnership, quasi or otherwise, between the Government and private banking institutions."

"That is what the sanction of the Administration at Washington would have meant and President Wilson told the bankers he would stand behind them in making this deal with China. It would have placed this country in a position which might have greatly embarrassed it in some future negotiation with the Chinese Government. We could not have been free to act in all matters if we occupied the position of having given a quasi guarantee to China's debt. This would make us in a measure responsible for the payment of the interest and principal to those of our own people who may have invested in the securities on the strength of the Government's sanction."

"It is hardly worth while to discuss where this might lead, in the future dealings of the bankers with China. They might seek concessions here and there to their own advantage and may be not at all times for the best development of that country. These privileges might not always meet with the approval of the Chinese, who may go to the point of protesting vigorously. Then what would be our position? The President has clearly seen all these possibilities and has met them like a patriot and a statesman. His act has my hearty approval. I am more convinced now than ever that the affairs of State are in safe and judicious hands."

The many friends in this city and surrounding section of Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, president of Greensboro Female College, will be interested to know that she will retire from active life at the end of this school year.

PROMINENT LADY SOON TO RETIRE

PRESIDENT OF GREENSBORO FEMALE COLLEGE RESIGNS HER POSITION.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held last week Mrs. Robertson turned in her resignation. Eleven years ago she entered upon her duties as president of the college under circumstances far from favorable for success. By reason of her untiring labors and exceptional ability she has brought the college through storm, stress and fire to its present condition of progressiveness and prosperity.

When Mrs. Robertson turns the college over to her successor, Dr. S. B. Turrentine, in June he will find a larger number of students than ever before in the long history of this college and it is the oldest institution of its kind in the State. Its alumni will celebrate the diamond jubilee at the next commencement. The trustees recognizing the exceptional labors of Mrs. Robertson have offered her a home for life with salary and no active duties. This is a woman justly honored after a lifetime devoted to the education of the women of the State.

Pennsylvania through its governor agrees to co-operate with Illinois in stamping out white slavery. The forces of evil are so aggressive and treacherous that a most vigorous warfare has to be constantly waged to keep them in subjection. The future will recall the contributions of government from the highest to the lowest paying an increasing degree of attention to the hidden ill of society, which heretofore have been left largely to cure themselves.

TORNADO RAGED MANY ARE DEAD

STORM OF GREAT INTENSITY SWEEPS OVER CENTRAL WEST AND SOUTH.

Washington, March 22.—Storms of cyclonic intensity last night devastated sections of many States east of the Mississippi river, from Michigan to the Gulf, and even sweeping Missouri, and Arkansas, with a loss of 75 or more lives, hundreds of persons injured and property damage running into the millions.

Twenty-nine residents of Lower Peach Tree, on the Alabama river, in Alabama, are known to have been killed and the town was practically wiped out.

According to a report from Thomasville, Ala., 19 persons lost their lives there.

Hundreds of other persons were badly injured, industrial plants so badly damaged as to throw 1,500 or 2,000 workmen out of employment, and extensive damage to other property was done in Alabama.

Not less than five persons were killed and more than 50 injured in Poplar Bluff, Mo., with one killed and 25 injured at Hoxie, Ark.

Indiana's record is two men killed, four persons severely injured and \$1,000,000 damage done to property, churches being among the structures to fare badly.

Three persons were killed, two fatally injured and damage amounting to \$500,000 was done in Middle Tennessee, two girls telephone operators at Murfreesboro proving the heroines of the storm.

Several negroes are reported to have been killed near Macon, Miss. A man was killed, several persons were injured and property was damaged thousands of dollars in Louisiana parishes.

Even Texas felt the destructive fury of the storm, \$50,000 to \$60,000 damage being done in one town in two minutes and a negro being killed and a white child hurt.

St. Louis sustained a property loss of \$100,000.

Three persons were seriously hurt in East Pittsburg, and much damage was done in parts of Western Pennsylvania.

Property loss in Eastern and Central West Virginia is reported to be heavy. Only one death was reported in Detroit, but many injured persons were received at hospitals and the damage throughout the State is placed at \$1,000,000, the wind having attained a maximum of 86 miles an hour.

THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION TO WOMEN.

In the April Woman's Home Companion appears a fashion talk by Grace Margaret Gould, fashion editor of that periodical. Her article is entitled "What Shall I Wear?" and following is an extract.

"Suffragettes may come, and suffragettes may go, but the most important question to women these days is still: 'What shall I wear?' The big interrogation point of dress covers every home in the land. In my opinion, this is as it should be. After all, the way a woman looks—her appearance in general—is pretty sure to be the keynote of her personality. Nowadays, as she looks, so she is judged. Dress is either a confession or a guarantee. There was a time when Fashion furnished a uniform for all women to wear. Now she suggests a style which each woman may adopt herself. No longer is personal dress a copy. It is a type."

One report says that Representative Godwin "demanded" of President Wilson the revocation of the Taft order placing 35,000 fourth class postmasters under the civil service, while another says that the representative "protested" against the order being allowed to remain in force. Most people in the State will think enough of Mr. Godwin to hope that the latter statement of the case is the correct one.

Whether Dr. Friedmann is a success or not there are thousands ready to take a chance on him.

SIMMONS GETS WARM WELCOME

FRIENDS CONGRATULATE HIM ON GREAT HONOR WHICH HAS COME TO HIM.

Senator Simmons, who arrived in the city Friday night for a few days at home, was warmly greeted on all sides yesterday, his many friends here taking advantage of the opportunity to congratulate him on his appointment to the chairmanship of the most important committee of the Senate, the Finance Committee, which will have charge of the tariff legislation in the upper House of Congress.

Senator Simmons is averse to discussing the honors that have come his way or any of the circumstances under which they were received, friends of his here who have been thoroughly posted on the progress of events in Washington say that there was never any doubt that the chairmanship of the Finance Committee would be bestowed on Senator Simmons despite all the gossip indulged in by some newspaper correspondents who tried to make it appear that he was having a hard fight to win the place.

One of the stories published concerning the matter was that Senators Simmons was only able to save himself from being beaten by deserting the standard of Senator Martin of Virginia and supporting Senator Kern of Indiana for the Democratic leadership of the Senate. Convincing proof of the falsity of all statements it is pointed out that Mr. Simmons and Mr. Martin are the best of friends and that developments in the Senate over the various committee chairmanships have no effect whatever in disturbing the friendly and cordial relations which have existed between the two Senators for years. In the same connection it is also pointed out that while Mr. Martin was not made leader but withdrew from the race he was a very desirable chairmanship and is entirely satisfied with the outcome of the whole matter.

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CLAUDE YET HAS SOME FAINT HOPE

ATTORNEYS WILL CALL ON ALL THE SUPREME COURT JUDGES IN TURN.

(Special to the Journal) Richmond, Va., March 22.—If necessary attorneys, for Claude Allen will call on all of the justices of the United States Supreme Court in turn, in their effort to obtain a writ of error with a view of getting a new trial for the condemned young clansman who, together with his father Floyd Allen is scheduled to die in the electric chair next Friday for his part in the Hillsville tragedy. Such was the information which reached here tonight from Washington where Chief Justice White turned down the application for a writ this morning.

Late today the lawyers read the appeal papers before Justice Hughes who is understood to have also rejected the petition although no announcement to this effect had been made up to 11 o'clock tonight.

For some reason or other the lawyers appear to be endeavoring to keep the matter a secret, just as they tried two days ago to keep from the public the news that Judge Keith of the Virginia supreme court had refused to certify the case to Washington. Messages from Washington tonight indicated that the lawyers had returned to Richmond.

It developed here however, that they are still in that city, evidently in hiding.

New Hanover county under an act of the recent Legislature will try out a county solicitor. There is much to be said in behalf of the plan of having local solicitors. Only a local man can be fully conversant with local conditions and needs as affecting the prevention of crime.

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