

BIG RALLY DAY THIS IN GRAND OLD COLUMBUS

Progressive People By The Thousands Have Assembled at Chadbourn.

ANNUAL EVENT OF MUCH IMPORTANCE

Agricultural and Educational Fair a Brilliant Success—Live Town-Crowded With Enthusiastic People—Some Splendid Speeches on Tapis.

(By Staff Correspondent.) Chadbourn, N. C., Oct. 27.—Columbus county is today celebrating its annual agricultural and educational fair in Chadbourn and at noon 3,000 people had gathered here from all parts of the county and surrounding territory.

Agricultural and school exhibits were to be seen in large quantities in the Chadbourn warehouse, in Brown's Grove, where the fair is being held. This spacious building was crowded since early this morning with persons inspecting the display.

President E. W. Sikes, of Coker College, Hartsville, S. C., made a stirring education address to several thousand people in Brown's Grove at 11:30 o'clock. This was easily the feature of the morning's program.

Senator E. D. Smith, of South Carolina, telegraphed that he would be unable to attend and a number of local speakers took his place on the program.

Prof. F. T. Wooten, county superintendent of schools, has general charge of the fair and is specializing on the educational feature.

Miss Eliza Parker, rural school supervisor, is in charge of the educational exhibits.

Mr. J. J. Herndon, county farm demonstrator, is in charge of the agricultural end of the fair.

It was estimated by Professor Wooten at noon today that there were at least 2,000 of Columbus county's 6,000 school children present to take part in the exercises. Seventy-five per cent. of the county's 90 schools are represented.

Special trains from Wilmington and Mt. Tabor brought hundreds of persons to the fair. The regular train arriving here today brought large crowds. Whiteville has possibly the largest representation of any town. Six filled coaches were attached to the special train from Wilmington this morning.

Immediately after dinner, at noon, the parade of school children moved from the graded school, led by the Chadbourn and Whiteville brass bands. The procession, which was a long one, moved over the main streets. It was viewed by thousands of persons. Each school represented displayed a banner.

Athletic events will be one of the big features of the program this afternoon. Besides the prize events, open to all, there will be a baseball game.

All during the morning the judges were busy selecting the prize winning exhibits. The winners will be announced this afternoon.

From all sections of the county continually arriving this morning are hundreds of people. It is estimated that there will be six thousand people in attendance.

A Fine Address. Dr. Sikes, who was introduced by L. V. Grady, Esq., of Whiteville, made a strong plea for the education of the children of Columbus county. He likened education to that of preparing for the crops. "Much time is spent obtaining the speaker declared. Dr. Sikes asserted that education multiplies chances.

"When a boy returns from college," he continued, "he immediately turns his learning into dollars and cents."

He laid great stress on the means for educating the girls. He declared that it took both North and South Carolina more than one hundred years to realize that a state's destiny depends on the education of its women.

New England, he said, was the first section to realize this and has profited greatly.

In introducing Dr. Sikes, Mr. Grady spoke of the fact that Columbus county is today celebrating its 108th anniversary, being created from Brunswick and Pender counties. He spoke of the fact that those things that are born of poor parentage often amount to the most. He showed how Columbus has progressed along all lines.

The meeting was presided over by Major Ira Lennon. There were about 3,000 persons present.

O. C. FILLIYAW.

TRIP SOUTH WILL BE DELAYED SLIGHTLY

Fritz Hanson Anxious to Return—Speaks of Col. Walker Taylor's S. S. Class.

Fritz Hanson, who is known favorably and liked immensely by local mat fans, will not come South as early as he had anticipated, according to a letter received by Gunner James B. McGurley, of Fort Caswell, because he is finding the "pickings" too good up New England way. Matches were offered him so fast when it leaked out that he was in the New England States and the terms appealed to him so favorably that he decided to "take on" a few New Englanders and others who happened to be in that section before coming South. Those men whom he will wrestle in New England are exceptionally good men and as a number of them intend touring the South it will be possible for Mr. Hanson to arrange a number of good matches to be staged in Wilmington that would be impossible to get under other conditions.

On October 25th he had four matches arranged for the next ten days and had offers of matches in Boston, New York, Baltimore and Norfolk on the trip South.

Because of the amount of work mapped out for him in the North he declined a date to work against Dr. Roller in Columbia, S. C., this week, and will meet his first opponent here after leaving Norfolk. Mr. Hanson says he expects to arrive in Wilmington in excellent shape with a lot of good matches arranged for the season.

In his communication to Gunner McGurley, Mr. Hanson reports a fine hunting trip and adds that he witnessed a number of the world's series games between Brooklyn and Boston. He declares that he has plenty to do to occupy his hands and mind, but is very anxious to get back to Wilmington. He also speaks of Col. Walker Taylor's Sunday School class and adds that he hopes to find an increased attendance upon his return.

Mr. Hanson also states that he is planning a benefit this year to be staged just before Thanksgiving or Christmas for the benefit of the poor children of the city, and says he is planning a fine program with a number of surprises for the children. Mr. Hanson says this must go through this year if it is his last.

Mr. Hanson concludes by saying that both he and Mrs. Hanson are enjoying the best of health and while having a very good time, are anxious to return to Wilmington.

COWBOYS' ATTACK DEFEATS BANDITS

Party From a Hearst Ranch Turn Back Gang of Villa Followers.

Field Headquarters, American Punitive Expedition, Mexico, Oct. 27 (Via Wire) to Columbus, N. M.—A party of 35 cowboys from the Santa Anna ranch, one of the Hearst "T" properties near Babcoara, attacked and defeated a detachment of Villa followers about three miles from Santa Geronima, according to a report today received at field headquarters. The number of casualties is not given, but it is stated that two of the bandits' officers and two prisoners were captured.

TO HOLD AUTO RACE.

Two Membership Teams of Y. W. C. A. Will Race for Premiership. On Monday morning a 1,200 mile automobile race in the Y. W. C. A. membership campaign will start and every member that brings in a new member will be credited with one mile in the race.

Two rival automobile manufacturing concerns will be represented and the scores will daily be posted in the window of Honnett's Jewelry Store.

Each faction will have a captain and a number of lieutenants. Mrs. Ashley Curtis will lead the Franklin team and Miss Mary Vann will be the commander of the Chalmers outfit.

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The verdict of the jury was that Linker was killed through being struck by an automobile driven recklessly by Tolvert.

CARRANZA SENDS DENIAL THAT THE CITY IS BESIEGED

Declares That Villa Forces Are Not at Chihuahua City.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED BY THE CONSUL.

First Chief Also Declares False Report That Zapata is a Menace to Mexico City.

New York, Oct. 28.—The following telegram from General Carranza, dated Mexico City, October 27, 2:30 a. m., was made public here today by the Mexican consul-general. The telegram follows:

"It is absolutely false that Villa is besieging the city of Chihuahua and that Zapata menaces the tranquility of Mexico City.

"Diaz was utterly defeated in recent skirmishes with our troops and is fleeing to Guatemala. I shall remain in Mexico City until I attend the congress at Queretaro.

(Signed): "CARRANZA."

DEATH TODAY OF WELL KNOWN MAN

Mr. H. A. Burr Passed Away at Home of Son Here This Morning.

Hundreds of friends throughout the Carolinas and elsewhere will be pained to learn of the death of Mr. H. A. Burr, Sr., one of Wilmington's oldest and best known citizens, which occurred at 9 o'clock this morning at the home of his son, Mr. H. A. Burr, Jr., 403 Dock street, after an illness of only a few weeks of a complication of diseases. Many friends have called at the grief-stricken home today to offer their condolence to the bereaved.

The deceased is survived by four sons and one daughter. They are Messrs. Alston H. H. A., Jr., Fred S. and Mason G. Burr, and Mrs. W. R. Gordon, of Charlottesville, Va. The funeral services will be conducted from St. James' Episcopal church tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and will be in charge of Rev. G. F. Hill, assistant pastor of the church. Interment will be made in Oakdale cemetery. The pallbearers have not as yet been selected but will be announced later.

Mr. Burr was one of Wilmington's most successful business men. He was president of the Standard Supply Company, which was owned principally by himself and his sons. The Standard Supply Company is one of the largest and most successful enterprises of the kind in the Carolinas and it was built up largely through the wise management of the late Mr. Burr.

Mr. Burr had been in failing health only a short time. He went to New York some weeks ago and consulted a number of specialists, none of whom could give him any encouragement. He went from New York to the mountains of Virginia, where he remained for several weeks with his daughter. Realizing that the end was drawing near and having a desire to pass his last days in Wilmington, Mr. Burr came here some days ago, standing the trip fairly well.

His loved ones realized that he had but a few days to live and his death had been expected hourly for the past few days. However, the realization of his passing was none-the-less shocking to his loved ones and friends.

AUTOIST HELD BY CORONER'S JURY

Man in Salisbury Ran Down Traffic Officer and Killed Him.

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MINISTER FOUND GUILTY OF MANY KINDS CRIMES

Had Nine Wives and Eleven Aliases Did Clergyman Just Deposed.

HAD SERVED TWO PRISON TERMS

Records Show That He Had Operated About All Over The World—Has Now Disappeared.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Oct. 7.—Arthur Worthingham, former pastor of the Presbyterian church in Newburgh, N. Y., was deposed yesterday from the ministry and excommunicated from the Presbyterian church by a trial commission of ministers and laymen of the North River Presbytery. He was found guilty of bigamy, swindling, fraud and blasphemy.

The evidence, secured after two years' investigation, showed Worthingham had nine wives and was known under eleven aliases. His right name was Samuel Oakley Crawford. His record showed he had served two prison sentences for fraud, one in Auburn, N. Y., and the other in Melbourne, Australia. His operations covered the United States, Europe and the Antipodes. In his activity he secured on false pretense more than \$500,000, it is said. The deposed minister disappeared from Poughkeepsie five weeks ago.

PEOPLE ALONG THE LINE GREET WILSON

President Stops at Stations to Shake Hands With Admirers—One More Trip.

On Board the President's Special, Grafton, W. Va.—On his way from Cincinnati to Long Branch today President Wilson made several brief stops in West Virginia and Maryland, shaking hands with people gathered at the station. He is due to arrive at Shadow Lawn at 10 o'clock tonight. The President will not return to the Middle West again before the election. His only remaining trip away from Shadow Lawn before November 7 will take him to Buffalo, November 1, and New York, November 2. He plans two more speeches at Long Branch, one tomorrow and the other November 4.

WITH DOGS LOOKING FOR HER ASSAILANT

Posse and Mob Both Scouring Country in Albama For Negro.

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 27.—A sheriff's posse, accompanied by a mob of armed citizens, early today resumed search of the Woodlawn section, near here, for the negro who late yesterday attacked a white woman in her home in Woodlawn. With two bloodhounds the manhunters are searching the vicinity of Gates City.

At an early hour no clue to the woman's assailant had been obtained. Officers believe that the negro boarded a train soon after committing the crime. The woman, who was badly beaten, by being struck on the head with a pistol, is in a critical condition.

SUING FOR DAMAGES.

Bruno Case Consumed the Entire Morning Session of Court. The case of T. Bruno against the W. P. Richardson Company for alleged damages received when Bruno was employed as a workman for the company consumed the entire morning session of the Superior Court.

Bruno alleges that a pipe is not a suitable elevator weight and is asking for damages in the sum of \$3,000 for injuries sustained, which resulted in a depression of his skull that has rendered him unfit to hold a position for any length of time.

At the time the accident occurred the Richardson Company was engaged in building the record building for the Atlantic Coast Line.

W. B. M. Turner, Esq., is appearing for the plaintiff, while Keenan & Wright represent the contracting company.

TEUTONS KEEP PRESSING THE ENEMY BACK

Continue Driving Russo-Rumanian Forces Back to The Reaches of Danube.

FRENCH CONTINUE TO GAIN GROUND

Have Made Further Advances On Verdun Front—Berlin Claims a Repulse of Attackers.

The Teutonic forces are pressing the retreating Russo-Rumanian army hard in Dobrudja.

Sofia reports this army in flight to the further reaches of the Danube, and Petrograd admits a retirement of some 40 miles north of the Constanta-Tcheravara railway. The Russians and Rumanians are fighting hard as they retire, Petrograd declares. In resisting the Austro-Germans thrust through Rumania from the northwest the Rumanian forces are having more success. The Russian troops have made further progress in Transylvania, the Russian war office reports.

Before Verdun, the French are driving anew at the German line, after having, according to Paris, repulsed numerous counter-efforts to recapture Fort Douaumont and other positions taken in their great drive of Tuesday last. In a fresh attack last night, the statement declares, the French scored again west and southwest of Fort Vaux, closing in further on this important work.

Berlin declares that a French attack yesterday in the region east of Fort Douaumont was repulsed with heavy losses.

Apparently the Germans are preparing for further attacks, as Paris reports violent bombardment of the French line at Douaumont and Chenoise Wood.

On the Somme front Berlin announces the breaking up by German guns of a French attack in preparation south of the river.

In Volhynia and elsewhere along the Russian front the German war office reports repulse of a Russian attack.

SEARCHING RUINS FOR THE BODIES

Gruesome Work In Progress Today at Yesterday's Scene of Fire Tragedy.

Farnham, Quebec, Oct. 27.—The ruins of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, destroyed yesterday by fire, had sufficiently cooled today to permit a search for bodies. The Grey Nuns, who conducted the institution, announced that an inquiry indicated that the death list will stand at 19, including 5 children.

Farnham was under police guard during the night, as the result of several small fires, leading to the suspicion that incendiaries had been at work.

GIRL NOT TO APPEAR AS A WITNESS

Unable to Get Important Witness for Copeland Trial.

Galveston, Texas, Oct. 27.—Sadie E. Black, adopted daughter of William Black, the anti-Catholic lecturer, will not be a witness in the case of John Copeland, being tried here in connection with the killing of Black at Marshall, Texas, last year, it was stated by attorneys for the state when the trial was resumed today.

A telegram announced the inability of the witness to attend. Counsel for the state said they had exhausted every means to bring the girl to Galveston, but could not legally compel her attendance. Indications were that the case would be given the jury by night.

SHIP REPORTED ON FIRE AT SEA.

New York, Oct. 27.—Reports were current in shipping circles today that the French liner, Chicomago, with 300 passengers aboard, is on fire at sea and is making toward the Azores.

PROMPT STEP STOPS THE MEXICAN PLOT

WAKE COUNTY MAN KILLS HIS WIFE

His Stepchildren Tell How Their Mother Was Slain Today.

Raleigh, Oct. 28.—Mrs. Edward Mangum, of the Falls of the Neuse section of Wake county, was shot and killed early this morning by her husband, according to Mangum's stepchildren, who were the only witnesses of the crime. Their mother, the children state, was struck with a stick and while unconscious Mangum fired his pistol through her head. Mangum and the woman, who was from Durham county, were married eight months ago. He was brought here and placed in the county jail.

Mangum last year was committed to the ward for the criminally insane in the State's prison by Wake county authorities for disturbing public worship. He remained there some months, but was discharged when he apparently had regained his reason. It is believed that he took his wife's life during a fit of insanity.

WILLCOX GOES AFTER BAKER

Republican Chairman Issues Statement In Regard to Mexican Situation.

New York, Oct. 28.—William R. Willcox, chairman of the Republican National Committee, issued a statement today in reference to Secretary Baker's statement in which he said: "In view of Secretary Lansing's statement in the morning papers, Mr. Baker was guilty of amazing stupidity or of an attempt to gain votes for President Wilson by misrepresentation. If Mr. Lansing is quoted correctly he went over the Baker statement, and the Baker statement thoroughly appears to be a joint product of Mr. Wilson's cabinet officials. The careful phrases of Mr. Baker show an attempt to make political capital out of what he appears to regard as impending disaster on the Mexican border."

Mr. Willcox added that if the War Department had information in regard to attacks, "it is the duty of the administration to find out the guilty ones and to punish them."

GERMAN BOATS TRIED A RAID

Ten Torpedo Boats Frustrated In Effort in The English Channel.

London, Oct. 27.—Ten German torpedo boat destroyers attempted to raid British cross-channel shipping last night, but the attack failed, says the official statement issued today by the admiralty. Two of the German destroyers were sunk and the others were driven off.

One British torpedo boat destroyer, the Flirt, is missing, the British statement added, and the Nubian was disabled by a torpedo and ran aground. Nine members of the crew of the Flirt were saved.

WILL SPEAK HERE.

Prominent Raleigh Divine Will Speak at Brotherhood Meeting. Rev. W. McC. White, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of Raleigh, will address the brotherhood of St. Andrew's at the third of a series of meetings that are being held by the Brotherhood one Sunday in every month.

The meetings are for men only and the two already held were largely attended and keen interest was shown in the work. Prior to the speaking on each occasion the men sing the Alexander hymns for twenty minutes.

Dr. White, who will be here next Sunday, will take as his subject "Immortality," and all who hear him are assured of a most pleasing address.

Exposure by War Department of Mexican Intrigue Will Probably Prevent Attack

AMERICAN FORCES READY FOR ACTION.

Source of Information Too Valuable to Expose It and Thus Damage Its Usefulness—Secretary Lansing Advised Warning Given Last Night.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Government officials hoped today that publication of Secretary Baker's statement that the War Department had received word that another Mexican bandit attack on the American border or American troops had been planned by enemies of the administration would have the effect of causing abandonment of the plot.

The Department of Justice was investigating the report in an effort to prosecute any persons that may be directing the plot from the American side of the border.

War and State Department officials refused today to disclose the source of the special information on which Secretary Baker last night issued a statement charging a bandit attack on American troops in Mexico or on American border towns had been planned to discredit the government's Mexican policy.

They said the channels of information through which the report came were so valuable that nothing could be given out that would injure its usefulness. Both Secretary Lansing and Secretary Baker today laid stress upon the statement that no consideration of domestic policies lead to the disclosure of the announcement.

Secretary Baker declared it was "absurd" to suppose his statement had been intended to imply that any political interests in the United States desired anything other than peace on the border. "Such a thing could not be true," he said.

Asked what interest he charged was behind the movement, Secretary Baker dictated this statement: "The Mexicans who oppose the de facto government in Mexico would, of course, be glad to complicate relations between the United States and Mexico and our information is that they think this an appropriate time to do so. The statement made last night by the department ought to discourage any attempt on their part in that direction.

"Everybody knows that many Mexicans in this country are constantly agitating against the de facto government. Many sympathizers may be on the American side of the border and the movement is wholly of this source."

The particular information which led to his statement, the secretary said, reached him yesterday afternoon. Mr. Baker, it was learned, took the advice up with Secretary Lansing and the latter is said to have advised that there be no delay in making public the substance of the information.

Secretary Baker was advised that the information, although somewhat indefinite as to individuals, showed a dangerous situation along the border. Publication of the fact that the government has taken steps to check such a movement, he believes, will go far towards preventing an attack in or upon border towns or on General Pershing's forces.

Secretary Baker indicated that no immediate movement of General Pershing's columns were contemplated. He refused, however, to say whether an order had been given to meet the attack with retaliatory measures. He gave the impression that Generals Funston and Pershing might have been directed to take certain steps of a retaliatory nature should an attack be made on their forces or that the department had such orders under consideration.

PERFORMED SOME FEAT.

London, Oct. 27.—One of the fifteen Victoria Crosses, the awards of which are made today in the London Gazette, is to Private Thomas Jones, who, according to official accounts, killed three snipers, who were shooting at him, entered a German trench and single-handedly armed 102 Germans, including three or four officers, and marched them back to the British lines through a heavy fire.