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THIRTEEN TURKS ARE HANGED.

Among Those Executed Were Major Youssef and Three Other Men, Who Killed the Syrian Deputy—A Large Placard in Turkish, Setting Forth the Sentence of the Court, Was Pinned on the Breast of Each Criminal.

Constantinople, May 3.—Thirteen civilians and soldiers sentenced by the military courts to death for murder, were hanged in different parts of Constantinople at 4 o'clock this morning.

Major Youssef, his son and three other men who killed the Syrian deputy, Emir Mohammed Arslan, in front of the Parliament Building were executed on the spot where they committed the crime. Five others were hanged at the entrance of the ministry of war, and three men at the Stamboul end of the Galata bridge. Upon the breast of each criminal had been pinned a large placard in Turkish, setting forth the sentence of the court. Around the foot of the gibbets on the bridge, the early morning buyers of fruits, flowers and vegetables proceeded as usual, while the bodies were in full sight of the great crowds that made their way over the bridge between Stamboul and Galata.

Major Youssef was commandant of the first battalion of the Seventh Regiment. Among the non-commissioned officers executed was Hamdi Bin Yechar, a sergeant in the fourth battalion of the Saloniki chasseurs. The men executed on Galata bridge were guilty of the murder of Lieutenant Ellis.

Major Youssef was the man who after the murder of Deputy Arslan made his way to the house of Parliament and in a speech denounced the members for acting against the laws of the Koran. Yechar was the man who planned the details of the revolt of April 13 and who was commander-in-chief and practically dictator of Constantinople for the two days following. The other eleven men worked under Yechar.

Mourad, editor of the newspaper Nizam, was tried by court martial today.

A member of the court martial read the Sultan's firman, confirming the sentences at each place of execution, and priests prayed with the condemned men for two hours before their execution. The bodies were left hanging until 2 o'clock this afternoon and were seen by at least 100,000 of the population of the city.

Documentary evidence has been discovered among the records of the telegraph office here of the knowledge of the Constantinople authorities that massacres had been planned for Adana district, and they were to coincide with the political events here.

Other papers have been found indicating also that the conspirators at the palace acted in the Sultan's name in preparing the military mutiny of April 12. Lists of houses, with notes of the kind of loot to be found therein, were discovered on some of the prisoners now in custody. The arrangements included a general massacre of foreigners in Constantinople, including the diplomatic representatives, on April 24.

Rev. Thos. Dixon, Sr., Dead.

Rev. Thomas Dixon, Sr., a noted Baptist minister, died Saturday night in Raleigh, at the home of his daughter, Dr. Della Dixon Carroll. He was the father of Rev. Dr. A. C. Dixon, a noted Baptist divine and pastor of the Moody church, Chicago, and of Thos. Dixon, Jr., former preacher, now noted playwright and author. Another son, Frank Dixon, of Washington, is a lecturer.

Mr. Dixon was in his 90th year. His home was in Cleveland county, where he had been a pastor of one church for 60 years, and his remains were taken there for burial. During his ministerial career he had baptized more than 5,000 persons.—Statesville Landmark.

DEMOCRATS WIN IN BENSON.

Citizens' Ticket Failed to Get Necessary Number of Votes—School Closing Exercises—Prof. Z. V. Judd to Deliver Address.

Benson, May 5.—Dr. W. T. Martin spent Monday and Tuesday at Coats on professional business.

Mr. C. Johnson, of Hookerton, spent several days near town recently with relatives.

Rev. C. B. Culbreth, of Fayetteville, was in town one day recently.

Mr. Pat Moore, of Wilson, was in town Sunday visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Hudson, of Lower Johnston, spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives near town.

Rev. Mr. King, of Falcon, preached very able sermons at the Free Will Baptist church Saturday and Sunday night.

Miss Anna Underwood, of Smithfield, who has been visiting friends here for several days, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. W. D. Boon and little Evelyn are spending this week with Mrs. Boon's parents in Dunn.

Mr. R. D. Langdon has had a new coat of paint placed on his house which adds greatly to its appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whittenton and family spent Sunday in Harnett county with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. P. Stewart attended services at the Primitive Baptist church at Four Oaks Sunday.

Mr. Howey Benson, of Danville, arrived yesterday to spend several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Benson, of Elevation township.

We are glad to note that Mayor Britt's little daughter who has been very sick for several days is very much better at this writing.

Miss Crocker, who has been visiting Mrs. W. D. Boon for several days, returned to her home in West Virginia last week.

Rev. J. M. Daniel gave a Sunday school address at the Methodist church Tuesday night, after which the Sunday school gave a cream supper on the campus of the High school which was greatly enjoyed by a large crowd of young people.

The town election passed off quietly here Tuesday, the Democratic ticket winning by a good majority. The vote stood thus:

For Mayor, H. L. Hall, Democratic, 80; N. T. Ryals, citizen's ticket, 67.

For Commissioners, Democratic, J. F. Woodall 123, J. H. Boon 85, J. W. Whittenton 88; Citizen's ticket, R. D. Langdon 67, K. H. Parker 58.

For town constable C. L. Johnson, Democratic, 83, J. W. Raynor, Citizen's ticket, 59.

For increasing No. town commissioners 19; against increasing No. town commissioners 107.

The commencement exercises of the Benson Graded High school will begin Friday night, May 7, at 8 o'clock, with Declamers' contest. Monday, May 10, 2:30 P. M. exercises by the primary grades. At 8 P. M. Reciters' contest and entertainment. Tuesday, May 11, 9:30 A. M. Orators' contest; 11 A. M. Annual address by Prof. Z. V. Judd. Awarding of medals. 2 P. M. Debate. Query, Resolved, That North Carolina Should have Compulsory Education. Affirmative—Arthur Godwin, C. F. Hall and Herman Jernigan. Negative—Ezra Parker, Braxton Johnson and Claude Canaday. 8 P. M. Concert by Music and Elocution Class. The following are the Marshals: Braxton Johnson Chief, Jesse Turlington, A. H. Parker and C. Ryals.

The Winston Sentinel says a dog, supposed to be rabid, bit cows, hogs, mules, chickens, etc., in Forsyth county a few days ago. The total loss of live stock as the result of the foray of this one dog is estimated at \$1,500 to \$2,000. The dog probably wasn't worth \$1. Notwithstanding the loss in live stock, the great danger to human life and the expense of preventative treatment, it is practically impossible to secure any sort of legislative enactment restricting the freedom of dogs. As a rule it is the most worthless dogs that give most trouble. Some sweet day, in another century or more, The Landmark hopes that dog owners will be compelled by law to confine their dogs to their own premises except when engaged in hunting.—Statesville Landmark.

PASSAGE OF THE TARIFF BILL.

Special Session of Congress Will Hardly Adjourn Before June 15 or July 1—Senate Not Making Headway With Aldrich Measure That Was Expected.

Washington, May 5.—The possibilities of the passage of the tariff bill and the adjournment of the special session of Congress before June 15 or July 1 seem to have vanished. This conclusion has been reached by the President as a result of recent talks with Senators and Representatives, and he made it known today.

The Senate is not making the headway with the Aldrich measure that was expected and before the new tariff law can be presented to the President for his action, there must ensue a long conference between the Representatives of the two houses of Congress.

Among those who have followed the trend of important legislation on the tariff, there is a belief that the real tariff revision bill remains to be framed in conference. Whatever influences President Taft feels he can bring to bear in securing a satisfactory measure will be exerted upon the conference.

The President is still hopeful that the revenue to be derived from the new bill, and with economies in the administration of the government, will prove sufficient to prevent a deficit. If it should be shown, however, that the government finances are in need of further support to meet the current expenditures, the President will adhere to his original proposition that a graduated Federal inheritance tax is the most just that could be levied and would prove the easiest to collect. If such a tax should not prove sufficient to meet the necessities of the government, or if it should not appeal to the majority of Congress, the President favors as a substitute or as an additional means of collecting revenue, the imposition of an excise tax on the dividends of corporations. An income tax, he believes and always has believed, should be levied only as a last resort.

BRIDAL SKIRT HER NOOSE.

Wife of a Day Ends Romance With Sudden Suicide.

Chicago, May 4.—A bride of 36 hours, Mrs. William Rudes tore off the skirt of her wedding dress today, twisted it into semblance of a rope, and hanged herself on a clothes hook in the bedroom of her new home. She married to please her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Ingis, and killed herself without leaving a message. The mystery that enshrouds the suicide is being investigated by the police.

When the husband—who is only 25 years old—found the body of his bride she had been dead more than an hour. In the desperation of his grief it required all the strength of several of his friends to prevent him from taking his own life.

Rudes, when questioned by the police said he did not know why his wife committed suicide.

Constitution in Persia.

Teheran, May 5.—A proclamation granting a constitution to Persia has been signed by the Shah. The document announces that as a constitutional regime alone is capable of bringing about the restoration of order and promoting the welfare of the people, his majesty accords a constitution to the nation. Elections will be held in accordance with the new electoral law, to be published shortly, and should be completed by July 19, when the deputies will assemble at Teheran.

Joe and Isham Taylor were electrocuted in the Virginia penitentiary Wednesday. They were two more of the negroes implicated in the recent Powhatan county tragedy in which Mrs. Skipwith and Walter Johnson were murdered.

The town of Vallecas, in Spain, is almost entirely built of meerschaum. Vallecas has on its outskirts great quarries of meerschaum too coarse for pipemaking, and a meerschaum-built town is the result—an ivory-white town that shines in the Spanish sun.

TORNADOES TAKE DEATH-TOLL.

Second Series of Storms Sweeps South and list of Lives Lost Reaches Three Hundred. Georgia Hit Hardest.

Nearly 300 dead and twice that number injured is the revised estimate of the toll of destruction taken by tornadoes which swept over large areas of the South and West, Friday and Saturday, while the loss to property will reach hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In Georgia a second series of storms swept over portions of the State, Saturday, adding seven to the list of victims claimed Friday. The latest information obtainable Saturday night places the casualties in various States as follows: Georgia, 80; Tennessee, 67; Mississippi, 18; Arkansas, 34; Alabama, 1; Illinois and adjacent Lake States, 15; Missouri, 19. Total, 224.

With the exception of the "twisters" reported in Georgia, the storm in the South appears to have spent most of its force. Similar reports come from the West, where snow has followed the blizzard of Friday and at many points in Minnesota and Wisconsin traffic has been blocked.

The tail end of the storm, sweeping out to the Atlantic, paid its respects to Philadelphia Saturday in no mild manner.—Philadelphia Record 2nd.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

H. C. Buerck, socialist, was elected Mayor of East Spencer Tuesday.

The Republicans won in the municipal test in Spencer Tuesday, electing J. D. Dorsett Mayor. A \$50,000 bond issue was voted for waterworks.

Last Tuesday Governor Kitchin granted a pardon to Maj. W. H. Martin who has served eight years and four months of a ten year sentence for embezzling about \$16,000 of the State's money while a clerk in the treasury department during the Russell administration.

The work of excavating for the \$44,000 dormitory building for the A. & M. College began Monday and the construction is to be pushed so that the building will be ready for occupancy by the opening of the Fall term. It will add 150 to the student capacity of the college.

Senator Simmons spoke in favor of a duty on lumber in the Senate Wednesday of last week, holding the floor for three and a half hours. He opposes the reduction from \$2 to \$1 per thousand, proposed in the tariff bill, and favors the retention of the present duty on lumber.

The Democratic ticket in Raleigh swept the city Monday, electing J. Stanhope Wynne Mayor over W. J. Andrews by a majority of 1175. Wynne received 1352 votes while his Republican opponent got only 177. The rest of the Democratic ticket was elected by about the same majorities. It seems that the "Young Republican Club" was not in the running.

The new building of the First Baptist church at Charlotte was dedicated Sunday, the dedicatory sermon being preached by Dr. E. Y. Mullins, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. The new house of worship was begun a year ago and cost about \$50,000. The building is of the Byzantine type of architecture and is fashioned after Dr. Parkhurst's new church in New York. It is a bold departure from the accepted style of architecture for church buildings. It has no costly tall steeple but a stately dome instead.

It is reported that in addition to a complete remodeling of the Yarboro hotel at Raleigh, there is to be an extensive enlargement, including an extension of the building one hundred feet to the corner of Davie and Fayetteville streets, now occupied by the old law building. There is also to be an entirely new front for the entire hotel and a big rotunda constructed through the three stories of the hotel over the general lobby. This work is to be under way within the next two weeks and while it is in progress Proprietor Cobb will care for his guests in the Park hotel, which is now merely used as a room annex to The Yarboro. When enlarged and renovated The Yarboro is to be one of the very handsomest hotels in this section of the country.

CLAYTON'S BUDGET OF NEWS.

Short Paragraphs Concerning those Who Come and Go. Other Items of Interest.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam and children, of Selma, are the guests of Mrs. Debnam's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Griffin, this week.

Misses Jessamine Yelvington and Wynona Massey, of Baptist University at Raleigh, spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. H. A. Jones and little daughter, Mattie, of Bethesda section, spent last week here with her son, Mr. W. A. Jones.

Mr. R. B. Whitley, one of Wendell's progressive merchants, was here Monday on business.

Miss Swannanoa Horne returned to Raleigh Monday afternoon after spending Sunday here with her parents.

We regret to note that Mr. Riley R. Guley is on the sick list this week.

Rev. G. B. Starling and Mr. B. M. Robertson went to Raleigh Wednesday.

Mrs. Eliza Hope, of Raleigh, is the guest of the family of Mr. Lee H. Yarborough this week.

Mrs. Nova Barnes Wilson, of Georgia, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. D. L. Barnes, this week.

Miss Carlotta Barbour, of the Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro, is home this week.

Mr. Joe Atkinson, of Wake Forest, is in the city to the delight of his many friends here.

Rev. T. H. Thornton preached two very interesting sermons Sunday morning and night to a well filled house at the Baptist church.

The election here yesterday passed off quietly. The democratic nominees were elected overwhelmingly.

The new Board of Aldermen met last night and after the usual preliminaries proceeded to elect Mr. D. L. Barnes as Town clerk and Mr. Jas. L. Ellis as chief of police for the ensuing two years.

Miss Alma Eason, one of Smithfield's most courteous and charming young ladies, was the guest of Miss Maie Guley this week. Miss Eason has many friends here who always give her a happy welcome.

We very much regret to announce the serious illness of Mrs. J. A. Griffin. Her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

Hon. Ashley Horne made a business trip to Raleigh Tuesday, returning in the afternoon.

Quite a number of our people attended the High school commencement at Mt. Moriah Tuesday night and report a very pleasant trip.

The progressive firm of John I. Barnes and Bro. have recently built a dry kiln at their machine shop which will greatly facilitate their ability to give the public high class building material.

S. L. W.

Destructive Rain.

The most destructive rain which ever fell here as far back as the memory of the oldest inhabitant goes came last Friday night. We have often heard of cloudbursts and this must have been one of them. The damage will run into many thousands of dollars. The northern part of Elevation township, the eastern part of Cleveland, the western part of Boon Hill and about all of Smithfield township were where the worst damage was done. Mr. W. D. Avera thinks his damage is as much as one thousand dollars. Mr. Rufus Creech and his father it is said, were damaged to the extent of about five hundred dollars. Others were greatly damaged, among whom is Mr. Walter Rand. On Saturday the hard wind ruined cotton in sandy fields and many farmers are planting over this week. It seems that the wind and sand which was driven about by the wind and water were more than the little cotton could stand. Mr. O. P. Rose reports some planting over in Selma township on account of the wind and rain.

Weary Walker—"Lady could yer help a poor feller a little? I've got a hackin' cough an' a headache." Mrs. Kindling—"Well I've got a little wood outside you could hack, and it might cure your headache." Weary Walker—"Much obliged, mum: but yer see, my headache ain't of her splittin' kind."—Scraps.

THE MASSACRES IN ARMENIA.

Some Estimates Place Total Casualty List at 25,000 as Result of Recent Atrocities by Fanatic Mohammedans.

Tarsus, Asiatic Turkey, April 24, via Constantinople, May 4.—Authentic details of atrocities committed by fanatical Mohammedans, in villages and farms in this district are now coming into Tarsus with sickening abundance.

The worst particulars of these narratives cannot be mentioned, but they set forth without doubt that at least 10,000 persons lost their lives in this province, and some estimates place the total casualty list at 25,000.

Villages like Osmanieh, Bazsche, Mamadieh, Kara, Kristian Keoy and Kezoolook were actually wiped out. Each of these places had populations of from 500 to 600 people. In one town of 4,000 people there are less than 100 left, nearly all women and children.

It was the same thing with hundreds of farmers that live in this wide and fertile plain. The slaughter was unsparing, even Greeks and Syrians were struck down with the Armenians. Entire families were burned to death in their homes.

Hundreds of girls and women were maltreated and carried off to harems, where women were separated from the men.

The correspondent was informed that at one place a party of 100 Armenians surrendered to the soldiers. The prisoners were taken to an open field where the women were ordered to stand apart from the men. Every one of the men was shot.

In many cases they were shot down with their women clinging to them, trying to save their lives.

A large number of women were wounded because of their persistence.

Plenty of Liquor and Water.

It is said that on the Bright Holt place near the mouth of Pole Cat Creek, about eight miles from Smithfield, lives Joe Grant, an accommodating negro who runs a blind tiger as agent for a blockader and is visited more lately than ever before. On Saturday, May 1, it is said that Mr. J. H. Wallace, a white man known as Butler Wallace, made Joe a morning and an afternoon visit. He made his return rather late in the evening and Saturday night tried to ford Bawdy swamp at the crossing between the Solomon Daughtery place and where Mr. Dempsey Daughtery now lives. The swamp is wide at this place and on Saturday night last the water was deep, coming about up to the top of the man's shoulders. There were several holes in the road and when Mr. Wallace tried to find the bottom of one of them the water would come over the top of his head. He seemed unable to find his way out of the place, but made noise enough to excite the neighborhood. Finally a Mr. Willoughby went to him and helped him out and it was evident that he had taken plenty of liquor for any Saturday, and had taken a rather large bath for Saturday night even.

Dr. C. A. Smith Honored.

The appointment of Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, of the University of North Carolina, to be Roosevelt professor of American history and institutions at the University of Berlin during the year 1910-11 is an honor and an opportunity for service most worthily bestowed. Dr. Smith's predecessors in this professorship were such men as Dean Burgess, of Columbia; President Hadley, of Yale; Professor Felix, of Columbia, and President Wheeler, of the University of California. His appointment means that in the judgment of Columbia University, which has the nominating power, a representative Southern scholar may be as representatively American as scholars from any other section. A most inspiring lecturer, he will fill the Berlin post very fully. We wish that his return from Germany would find him still in North Carolina, but, as our readers already know, this is not to be.—Charlotte Observer.

The County Commissioners of Halifax have decided to build a new courthouse to cost \$40,000.

To get good and to do good is human; to be good is divine.—Selected.