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## GARDNER MAKES FINE SPEECH TO BIG CROWD

Told the Democrats Here Saturday Why He Failed to Answer the Questionnaire and Laid Down a Program for Constructive Work That Greatly Enthused His Friends and Supporters.

Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner, Democratic candidate for the nomination for Governor, spoke in Smithfield last Saturday afternoon to a big crowd of folks, the court house being thronged to its capacity. He came to Smithfield from Salisbury where he spoke the night before. He went from here to Wendell where he spoke Saturday night.

Mr. Gardner was met at Selma by his County Campaign Manager, Mr. J. W. Stephenson, and a number of other strong supporters and taken to the Smithfield Hotel where he was served dinner with about a dozen of his admiring friends. Judge J. Crawford Biggs, of Raleigh, his State Campaign manager, and Mr. N. E. Edgerton accompanied him to Johnston's capital.

Mr. Charles A. Creech introduced Mr. Gardner in a nice little speech, reviewing briefly his early struggles to get an education, how his ambition, his energy and his determination had brought him almost to the top of the ladder, and presented him as the next Governor of North Carolina.

Mr. Gardner arose and was greeted with an outburst of applause. Mr. Gardner at once began his address and for more than an hour entertained his auditors with a high-toned speech. He spoke of the questionnaire which so much has been said and written and gave his reasons for not answering the questions which were submitted to him and the other candidates for Governor. He declared that he was running on the great Democratic platform adopted by the State convention at Raleigh. He declared that he was a friend of the laboring man and felt that organized labor had no more right to ask him to pledge himself on the fifteen questions submitted to him than the thousands and thousands of the great masses of the unorganized labor in this country. That he did not propose to wear the blind bridle of any man or organization and that if he should be chosen Governor of this great State he would go into office without any pledge or promise to give any man a position in his administration. He touched on the independent spirit of North Carolinians and declared that they could not be driven anywhere. He said he was one of them in that respect and that he did not propose to be dictated to, that he was for political freedom and independence and proposed if elected, to be Governor of all the people declaring that every man, whether a laboring man, a merchant or banker, a manufacturer or capitalist, mechanic or whatsoever his calling should have a square deal at his hands.

He spoke of the great agricultural development in North Carolina, how the value of the State's agricultural products had grown within the past several years from the 22nd place to the fourth place. He declared that the great State Democratic platform read like a romance and pledged the party to a program of good road building, connecting all the county seat towns and bring the State in closer touch with all sections. He told of the 700 schools in the State that had been without teachers this year and that if he is elected Governor he would use his utmost endeavors to open them and keep them open, that he stands for better pay for the teachers and that he is in favor of giving them and all other citizens a square deal. He also spoke of the great work of the Wilson administration and paid especial attention to the Federal Reserve System and what it had accomplished in times of great stress and threatened panic.

Mr. Gardner laid down a forward looking program for the State government which appealed to those who heard it as a great constructive program which will tend to place the State on an even higher plane than she stands today.

Mr. Gardner's speech here greatly enthused his friends and supporters and was well received by the large crowd who heard him. Like Mr. Mor-

## ENSIGN EDWIN POU BURIED HERE FRIDAY

Body of Carolina Hero Is Brought Back From France and Laid to Rest At His Home Town.

The funeral of Ensign Edwin Smith Pou, son of Congressman and Mrs. E. W. Pou, of this place, who gave his life in the service of his country in 1918, was held here Friday at 1 o'clock. The body arrived from overseas in New York Monday, together with 150 others who had died in France.

After the ceremony there, the body was brought direct here, accompanied by Mrs. E. W. Pou, his mother, Mrs. Edwin S. Pou, his young widow, Miss Margaret Pou, a sister, all of Washington, D. C., and Ensign Horcau, of the navy.

An immense crowd gathered at the Methodist church to do honor to the young hero, many visitors from out of town being present. All business houses of the city closed out of respect to the occasion. Banks of beautiful flowers filled the chancel, as the flagdraped casket passed up the aisle.

The service was conducted by Rev. Howard Hartzell, rector of the Episcopal church, of which the deceased was a member, assisted by Rev. S. A. Cotton, pastor of the Methodist church. The eulogy pronounced by Rev. Mr. Hartzell was impressive and appropriate.

The active pallbearers were E. L. Woodall, Ransom Sanders, R. R. Holt, N. L. Perkins, Arthur Narron, Troy Myatt, Robert A. Wellons and St. Julien Springs. The honorary pallbearers were J. R. Banks, of the navy, Charleston, S. C.; Capt. A. O. Clement, of Goldsboro; Lieut. Oliver Smith, of Raleigh; Alfred Parker, of Benson; Judge F. H. Brooks, W. F. Grimes, Preston Faison, A. G. Byrd, J. H. Abell, D. W. Parrish, E. F. Ward, H. C. Hood, C. I. Pierce and T. J. Lassiter.

Among the floral offerings was a basket of flowers with naval flag from Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels. Here to attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. James H. Pou, of Raleigh, and Mrs. W. J. Calvert, of Norfolk, Va.

## Vance Votes \$40,000 School Bonds.

State Superintendent E. C. Brooks was advised Friday that one big district in Vance county has voted \$40,000 for a public school. This district is made up of several smaller ones which were consolidated. Another Vance county district, he reports, has voted a thirty cent special tax.—Raleigh Times.

## Building Material and Labor Short.

During the war building was held back more or less everywhere. For the past three or four years people have prospered financially and since the war ended they have been trying to build houses both in the towns and cities and in the country. They have had a hard time trying to do this. It has been almost impossible to get labor and building material. Last winter a newly married couple decided to build a nice residence. After the work began the man had to drive twelve miles to town and get carpenters to do his work at eight dollars per day for eight hours work. He drove his automobile forty eight miles per day to haul carpenters and had to go almost everywhere to get building material to go into his house. Of course he was sorry he began building but he had started and went ahead with the work. The Greensboro Daily News of May 19th commenting on these conditions says:

"It is said that 75 per cent of building projects planned within recent months, have been abandoned, either before or after the actual beginning of operations, and that buildings in various stages of construction are being boarded up in increasing number. It is safe to add that at least 75 per cent of people who have begun building within the past six months or year wish they hadn't."

rison who was here two weeks ago, he aroused the Democrats to a greater earnestness for their great party and gave them renewed hopes for its success in the coming election. The friends of each of these men are now confident that their man will be nominated on June fifth.

## CARRANZA SLAIN WHILE IN FLIGHT

Juan Barragan, Chief of Staff of Deposed President, Says His Chief Met His Death at Hands of Herero's Forces.

EX-President Venustiano Carranza, who with a small party of followers had been a fugitive in the mountains of Puebla since last week, was killed at Tlaxacalantongo early Thursday morning, according to official announcement made at Mexico City Saturday by Gen. Alvaro Obregon.

Gen. Rodolfo Herrera, it is said, directed the attack that resulted in the death of the fugitive President. He belonged to forces commanded by Gen. Francisco de P. Mariel, who accompanied Carranza in his flight from Mexico City, but who last week deserted Carranza and joined the revolutionists.

The first reports late last night said that all of Carranza's companions were slain with him, but despatches received early Saturday state that Gen. Juan Barragan, Chief of the Presidential Staff; Ygnacio Bonillas, former Mexican Ambassador at Washington; Gen. Marciano Gonzales and Gen. Federico Montes, who accompanied Carranza in his flight from San Andreas, are safe.

No mention is made of others in the party, which it is believed included Luis Cabrera, Minister of the Treasury; Alfonso Cabrera, his brother, Governor of Puebla, and Gen. Francisco Murguria, who acted as commander of the Carranza troops after the President had fled from Mexico City.

## Chief Lays Crime Upon Soldiers.

Mexico City, May 23.—A dispatch received from Juan Barragan, chief of staff of President Carranza, says Carranza met his death at the hands of Gen. Rodolfo Huerrero's forces at Tlaxacalantongo. The dispatch did not give the exact date.

The dispatch follows: "Villa Juarez, state of Chihuahua, May 22.

"To General Obregon: "Referring to your telegram of this date, Huerrero joined the column at Patla, professing loyalty. Arriving at Tlaxacalantongo, Huerrero offered hospitality to Carranza, placing sentinels who knew the terrain. At 4 o'clock in the morning the men, abusing the confidence imposed in them, surrounded the shelter where Carranza was sleeping, firing their rifles furiously into the hut. Every one offered resistance, although with the natural demoralization caused by the unexpected attack.

"General Francisco Murguia fought valiantly in the obscurity (semi-darkness) repulsing the traitors who surprised the defenders when they were leaving their shelters to attack the enemy.

"The unexpectedness of the attack enables us to clear our military honor. The defense was general to such an extent that the attackers were forced to take 60 prisoners, among them Mario Mendez, Paulino Fontes, Gil Garias, General H. Perez, Colonel Gomez, General Villela and Carranza's military aid.

(Mendez formerly was director of the national telegraph lines, Fontes was former director of national railways and Garias was Carranza's private secretary.)

"Our conscience is clear. Our grief for the death of the president is inconsolable. We are satisfied that we did not abandon him for one moment. "The few men wounded and dead is explained by the fact that the attackers planned their crime, knowing the place where the president, who had placed his confidence in Huerrero, was sleeping. The loyalty and courage of the president's followers were useless against the treason of those criminals."

The message was signed by Barragan and Marciano Gonzalez, Federico Montes, Francisco de H. Maria and others.

The flags on the American embassy and all the other embassies and legations were placed at half mast when the news of the assassination of President Carranza arrived.

Rev. W. W. Peele, pastor of the Edenton Street Methodist church at Raleigh, preached the baccalaureate sermon at Carolina College at Maxton Sunday morning.

## MUST BE NO STRIKE WILSON WARNS MINERS

Writes to Joint Scale Committee That He Will Name Board, if Necessary, To End Dispute.—Work Must Be Continued to Help Reconstruction.

Anthracite operators and miners were warned Saturday by President Wilson that there must be no strike in the anthracite coal fields during this critical period in the readjustment of the country, says a press dispatch from Washington.

Writing to the members of the joint scale committee which has been conducting negotiations for two months, the President said that if they should be unable to reach an agreement he would insist that the question in dispute be submitted to the determination of a commission to be appointed by him, and that work be continued in the mines pending the decision of the commission. He added that the award to be made would be retroactive to April 1, the date of the expiration of the old agreement between the operators and miners.

The President said he would hold himself in readiness to appoint a commission "similarly constituted to the one which I recently appointed in connection with the bituminous mining industry as soon as I learn that both sides have signed their willingness to continue at work and abide by its decisions."

In making public the President's letter, Secretary Wilson, who has been in conference with the Wage Scale Committee at the Department of Labor for the past three weeks, said he was confident that when the committee reconvened Thursday it "will either reach a mutual agreement or the question in dispute will be submitted to a commission as suggested by the President."

"There will be no strike in the anthracite coal fields," said he.

## FLIPS FROM SPEEDING PLANE.

Sergt. Major Brotwell Performs A Sensational Act While 2,000 Feet In the Air.

A flip from an aeroplane wing while the ship was going at 110 miles an hour, 2,000 feet above the crowds at the Atlantic City Airport to test a new aerial life preserver, was the thrilling stunt performed at Atlantic City Saturday afternoon by Sergt. Major Brotwell, crack balloon jumper from McCook Field, Dayton. The leap won him the first leg in the Aerial League of America trophy.

The feat was the first in the aerial safety device competitions in connection with the third Pan-American Aeronautical Congress in session there.

The new parachute of the Irvine type is attached to the back of the jumper like a knapsack, release of the "umbrella" being secured by the pulling of the trigger rope across his chest. On his first leap Brotwell hopped from the wing close to the cockpit as the machine went into a loop. The chute opened in two seconds by the official records. He made a second trip with Lieut. Ray as pilot and this time walked out to the end of the left wing and permitted the Lieutenant to flip him into clear space. Three seconds later he was floating gently earthward, making a perfect landing.—New York World.

## FAILURE TO OBSERVE MAY 10.

Brings Censure to Greensboro School Officials From U. D. C.

Guilford chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, Thursday sent a copy of resolutions adopted by the chapter to Frederick Archer, city school superintendent, strongly censuring the school authorities for failing to observe May 10 in Greensboro. In the discussion preceding the adoption of the protest late Wednesday ladies charged that city school pupils had been allowed to leave their tasks a few days before Memorial Day because of a circus, but were not given a holiday on Memorial Day.—Greensboro Dispatch.

Elon College commencement exercises began Sunday with the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning by Dr. L. E. Smith, pastor of Third Christian Church of Norfolk. He graduated from Elon College in 1910.

## TRYING TO GET COLLEGE TO MICRO

An Effort Being Made to Get Free Will Baptists to Move From Ayden To Micro.

Rev. S. H. Styron, of Pine Level, Dr. M. Hinnant and Mr. A. F. Bowen, of Micro, were here yesterday. These gentlemen and others are setting move on foot to try to induce the trustees of the Free Will Baptist College at Ayden to move the institution to Micro or vicinity of Micro. They are asking for subscriptions to be paid within five years provided the college is moved to the vicinity of Micro. Quite a number of subscriptions have been made and the leaders of the movement are hopeful that they can bring the institution to their section if the trustees decide to select a new location.

It would be a great thing for the Free Will Baptists of Johnston county if they can manage to raise enough money to bring their college to this county. There are a large number of Free Will Baptists in this county and they are growing rapidly in numbers and in wealth and can well afford to strengthen their denominational college.

## MILLION LOAFERS IN CHICAGO.

Visitor Who Charged High Prices to Idleness in New York Faces Same Condition at Home.

Chicago, May 20.—John A. Carroll, who explored New York and found "a million loafers," evidently has not investigated parasite conditions in his home town. Conditions are similar in the two cities.

During the big demand for labor this spring Chicago has wondered at the unemployment indicated in crowded movie theatres from 11 A. M. until midnight. Vaudeville has attracted the greatest crowds of all years and lines in State Street and Dearborn Street extend for half a block in front of popular houses. Billiard balls, bowling alleys and pool rooms are jammed with young men, for whom life, apparently, means only one cigarette after another.

The newspapers have been asked many times by the curious to learn the angles of this urban feature. The only answer and one which does not meet the situation is "they are night workers."—New York World.

## Two Killed in Fayetteville Race Clash

Fayetteville, May 21.—One white man was killed and another was mortally wounded in a race clash late tonight at the Victory mill, near here, following an attempt by officers to arrest a negro, who, it was said, caused a disturbance after his daughter was arrested on the charge of assaulting a young white woman.

The party of officers was fired upon in the negro settlement when Deputy Sheriff H. C. Butler was instantly killed and Deputy Sheriff W. G. Moore was mortally wounded. At midnight citizens had invaded the negro settlement and two dwellings there had been burned. A call has been sent to the governor for troops.

At midnight a posse of several hundred men, including Sheriff N. H. McGeachy and other officers were searching for George Hobbs, negro, charged with shooting the two men. For half an hour or more the negro had held the officers and the posse at bay, and it was during this time, while barricaded in a negro residence, the men were shot. Finally the house in which he had barricaded himself was set on fire and burned, and the house next to it also was burned, the second believed either to have caught from the first or to have been fired by the black to aid him in getting away.

The trouble had been brewing, it is said, for several days, and had its incipency in a quarrel between a white girl working in the Victory mill and a colored girl working in the silk mill. They are reported to have had a fight yesterday. The colored girl was arrested tonight by Deputy Moore and taken to jail. Soon after he had brought her to town, he was called out to the village again by telephone. It was on his second trip to the mill village, three miles away, that he was killed.

If necessary, the second state-wide primary will be held on Saturday, July 3.

## ENGLISHMAN HELD BY VILLA FOR BIG RANSOM

Has Become Embarrassment to De Facto Officials—Order Again Prevails?—Calles Fails to Obtain From Villa Unconditional Promise of Co-Operation.

Camargo, Chihuahua, May 21.—George Miller, superintendent of the Alvarado Mining company, who was reported captured by Villa, is at liberty on his own recognizance, according to messages received here today from Miller and Villa by General Calles. Miller will remain with Villa at La Bouquillas, southwest of here, until certain "obligations" with Villa have been fulfilled after which, the message said, he will proceed to Parral.

Washington, May 21.—Francisco Villa, who has defied every government in Mexico since the overthrow of Madero, already has become an embarrassment to officials of the new de facto forces.

A report to the state department today that Villa had captured and was holding for \$50,000 ransom George Miller, British, superintendent of the Alvarado Mining company, at Parral, Chihuahua, followed a report that General Calles had failed to obtain from the outlaw leader an unconditional promise of co-operation.

Representatives here of the revolutionary government said they doubted the report that a ransom had been asked for Miller's release and called attention to the repeated seizure by Villa of Americans since the beginning of the year and their subsequent release. His action was explained by statements attributed to Villa that he was following the course most likely to provide him the most up-to-date news and a means of transmitting his own ideas to some one on the outside.

Information reaching the government and the revolutionary agents agrees that order in Mexico has prevailed in the past few days.

El Paso, May 21.—George Miller, reported held by Francisco Villa for \$50,000 ransom, and another mining man visited the bandit's camp at Boquillas, Chihuahua, several days ago and Miller was detained and held for ransom, according to officials here of the Alvarado Mining company, of Parral.

The other man was let go to make arrangements for the ransom, it was said.

A correspondent of the Associated Press interviewed Villa at Boquillas May 18 and 19 and no evidence of the presence of Miller was discovered by him. Neither was mention made of Miller, Villa told the correspondent the only foreigners he had molested were some he forced to visit him for the purpose of obtaining information about outside affairs.

## A Chapter of Accidents.

One day last week Mr. George H. Brooks and his three children, Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Woodall and their two children and Miss Emily Thompson motored over to Buies Creek to attend the commencement exercises. On their return and while at Sanford Mr. Brooks ate something that made him quite sick. He was taken to a hospital and the car and the rest of the members were started homeward. About 10 miles east of Sanford the car caught fire, while running at a rapid gate, and in the excitement, Miss Thompson jumped out, and striking the hard ground, was knocked unconscious and also badly bruised. The car was stopped, the fire put out and the driver returned to Sanford. The party stopped at Moncure all night with friends and returned home next day, Miss Thompson being none the worse off except a little soreness.—Pittsboro Record.

## Miss Lucile Wilder the Winner.

The Herman Harrell Horne debater's medal given annually to the best debater at the Clayton school commencement was won last week by Miss Lucile Wilder, who defended the negative of the question, "Resolved, That for the next ten years all immigration should be prohibited except for study and travel." The judges were Professors Holmes and Wilkinson of the Raleigh high school and Col. Fred Olds.