

MURDERED BY MEXICAN BANDITS

Sole Survivor Tells Story of Horrible Outrage in Barbarous Mexico.

The number of foreigners murdered west of the Santa Ysabel by Mexican bandits were placed at 19. It was authoritatively stated that General Pablo Lopez, a Yaqui chieftain, closely allied with General Francisco Villa, ordered the massacre. About 20 bandits attacked the train, it is said, while 200 were grouped as a reserve at one side of the right of way.

Arrivals at El Paso from Chihuahua City said that a troop train of 20 cars conveying between 500 and 1,000 Carranza troops, had proceeded on the mining company special by about 15 minutes. The engine and two cars of this train were said to have been derailed by the bandits in order to stop the passenger train of Americans. What became of the Carranza soldiers if they were in the military train could not be learned here.

Thomas B. Holmes, the sole foreign survivor of the massacre, reached the border about noon in a state of collapse.

Following is the statement of Mr. Holmes, as given to the State Department and press at El Paso that night:

"Our train left Chihuahua City Monday morning January 10 about 11 o'clock. The train was stopped at or about the ranch Baesa, a point about five miles west of Santa Ysabel, between 1:30 and 2 o'clock that afternoon. While the train was standing at the station of Santa Ysabel 12 armed Mexicans rode by and scrutinized the train. The Mexican passengers at Santa Ysabel told me afterward that the riders had inquired if there were any soldiers on the train. At the point of the massacre our train was stopped in a cut so that the last car was just inside of the cut.

We were stopped by another train—the front truck of one of the coal cars of which was seen to be off the track. This was the first we knew of a train preceding us. There was nobody to be seen around the train in front.

"When our train was stopped Newman and I were sitting together and Evans came up and looked out of our window. Evans, Newman, Machatton and I then got off the train. Watson was either getting off or about to do so, behind us when I looked back and saw him.

"Just after alighting I heard a volley of rifle shots from a point on the other side of the cut and just above the train. Looking around I could see a bunch of about 12 or 15 men standing in a solid line, shoulder to shoulder, shooting directly at us. They were 50 to 75 feet away. The coach cut off my view so I could not see how many bandits there were. The depth of the cut on the side near Santa Ysabel River at that point was about two feet. On the other side it was much greater. To the rear of the train was an embankment declining toward the river.

"Watson after getting off, ran toward the river. Machatton and I followed. Machatton fell. I do not know whether he was killed then or tripped. Watson kept running and they were still shooting at him when I turned and ran down grade where I fell in some brush, probably 100 feet from the rear of the train. I lay there perfectly quiet and looked around and could see the Mexicans shooting in the direction in which Watson was running. I saw that they were not shooting at me and thinking they believed me already dead, I took a chance and crawled through the bushes until I reached the bank of the stream. I then made my way to a point probably 100 yard from the train. There I lay under

THE ODD FELLOWS INSTALL OFFICERS

Achoree Lodge, Number 14, I. O. O. F., installed the following officers Friday night: S. B. Carter, Noble Grand; E. N. Belangia, Vice Grand; J. W. Johnson, recording secretary; Charles Rauff Treasurer; David Raper, Sitting Past Grand.

Elizabeth Lodge, Number 217, installed the following officers Thursday night: W. W. Gregory, Noble Grand; G. A. Cox, Vice Grand; W. H. Zoeller, Recording Secretary; J. H. Wilkins, Financial Secretary; W. H. Weatherly, Treasurer; M. R. Pritchard, Sitting Past Grand.

Tabula Encampment, Number 8, installed the following officers last week: S. S. Leary, Chief Patriarch; C. W. Whaley, High Priest; L. W. Bateman, Senior Warden; W. H. Weatherly, Junior Warden; H. T. Greenleaf, Scribe; Wesley Williams, Financial Secretary; W. H. Zoeller, Treasurer; J. W. Johnson, Past Chief Patriarch.

State Grand Master, Hon. Thomas L. Green of Wayneville, and Hon. John D. Brown of Raleigh, Assistant Grand Secretary, will make an official visit to the Elizabeth City Odd Fellows Friday night.

The meeting will be held in Achoree Lodge on Road street at seven-thirty. After the meeting an oyster supper will be served. All members are urged to be present on this occasion and visiting Odd Fellows are cordially invited.

TO CELEBRATE LEE'S BIRTHDAY

Exercises in celebration of Lee's Birthday will be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock in the High School Auditorium. The address of the occasion will be delivered by Dr. P. C. Henning of the First Baptist church.

"The Daughters of the Confederacy and the Confederate Veterans will attend the exercise in a body. It is hoped that the people of the city will show their interest in the celebration of the day by their presence on this occasion.

D. H. HILL CHAPTER MEETS THIS AFTERNOON

The D. H. Hill Chapter, U. D. C. met this afternoon at half past three o'clock with Miss Sallie Perry at her home on Fearing street.

the bank for half an hour and heard shots by ones, twos and threes. I did not hear any groans or cries from our Americans. I continued farther under the bank, wading the stream part of the time until I reached a point probably 200 yards from the train. There I remained half or three-quarters of an hour. Later after going to several ranch houses and picking my way cautiously for several miles, I met up with an unknown Mexican, who directed me to Chihuahua City. I reached Chihuahua City Tuesday morning at about 7:30. The foregoing facts are of my personal knowledge."

Previous stories of the foreigners being lined up naked and shot was not confirmed by the version given by Holmes. Mexican passengers arriving today from Chihuahua City were responsible for the statement that Lopez was the leader of the bandits. All the property of the Americans except one hand bag was taken, they say, and the car riddled with bullets.

A mass-meeting called for this afternoon to demand protection for Americans in Mexico was postponed when it was learned that the funeral train bringing the bodies of the victims to the border would not arrive before midnight. The meeting will be held tomorrow, it was said.

The name of Thomas Johnson next day was added to the list of victims making a total death list of 19. The name of Joseph Enders of Hayden, Arizona, was substituted for that of J. J. Adams.

Reports of those arriving from Chihuahua were to the effect that the body of each victim bears

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JUDGE EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

No Stronger Legal Talent Anywhere in State than can be Found Here.

With nearly ninety cases disposed of—about three times as many as have ever been settled at any previous term here—a two week's term of Superior Court came to a close at a late hour Saturday night, Judge Bond having little time to spare in catching the night express which took him to his home in Edenton. In closing remarks after the last case on the docket had gone to the jury, Judge Bond expressed his appreciation of the fine courtesy shown him here by the lawyers of his home district and by the officers of the Court and the public at large. He spoke of his fondness for the people here and stated that he was glad that he would be in Elizabeth City again for a week's term of court next month. The Judge also spoke highly of the faithful work of the jurors and of the good order in court, and said that he had found in no district in the State lawyers of as much ability as those in his own section.

The last case tried was that of Mrs. Missouri White vs. the Norfolk Southern Railroad, which beginning Saturday afternoon was brought to a close when the jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff of fifty dollars. Mrs. White purchased a ticket at Mackeys for Chapanoke and says that she was told by the ticket agent that she could go to Chapanoke on it without change of cars. She boarded train two, the conductor took up her ticket, punched it and told her that his train did not stop at Chapanoke, and that she would have to get off at Edenton and take the local. She complied with his instructions but brought suit on the ground that his manner toward her was gruff and insulting, and that the change occasioned delay, annoyance and inconvenience.

All of Saturday morning was taken up in the trial of the case of Parker vs. Garrett, in which the plaintiff failed to make any recovery whatever. Parker was suing Garrett for commission on the sale of certain property which Garrett had listed with him for sale, and which Garrett himself had later sold to the same buyer that Parker had interested in the property. Garrett claimed that the property had been taken out of Parker's hand when the sale was made.

Most of Friday was taken up in the trial of the cases of Mrs. Matie Weston vs. the Elizabeth City Hosiery mill. Mrs. Weston, while in the employ of the mill fell through a hole in the floor where some repairing was being done, and claimed that the fall caused permanent injury in her hip and back. She claimed damage in the sum of one thousand dollars and was awarded two hundred by the jury; but the court set the verdict aside on the ground that Mrs. Weston was barred from further recovery than twenty-five dollars on account of a verbal agreement by which she had agreed to accept that sum.

Other cases disposed of during last week were as follows: Arnold vs. Lamb, judgement for plaintiff; Little vs. Spence, judgement for plaintiff; Susan Williams admx vs. Clyde Long, judgement for defendant; D. J. Smithson vs. O. E. Lane, compromise judgement; Nellie Leary vs. A. G. Leary, non-suit; T. B. Cooke vs. J. R. Britte, compromise judgement; Herbert Chorey vs. Ella Chorey, decree of absolute divorce; Richard Morgan vs. Chas. Reid, non-suit; Barcove Tailoring Co. vs D. Walter Harris, three cases all compromise judgement; Elizabeth City Buggy Company vs. Gloss Gibbs, compromise judgement.

GOOD ROADS INSTITUTE AT STATE UNIVERSITY

Chapel Hill, N. C., January 8—The Third Road Institute of North Carolina will be held at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C., under the auspices of the State University, the State Highway Commission and the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey February 7-12, 1916, inclusive. The two previous institutes have proved of great value to the engineers and superintendents attending them and it is the purpose of the Director to make this one of even more practical value.

A subject which will be given special emphasis this year is that of Road Maintenance, and in this connection there will be given illustrated lectures instructing in the patrol system and actual demonstrations of the use of the road drag and other implements which have been found useful in the maintenance of public roads. An effort is being made to have all road supervisors, overseers and superintendents who have charge of the upkeep of any section of road in North Carolina attend this Institute and receive the benefits of the instruction which will be given by experts. The road drag seems to be a very simple instrument but in reality, to obtain the best results, considerable skill and experience is needed in the handling of it. It is hoped that this Institute that enough road overseers and supervisors will be instructed in the use of the drag and other implements for maintenance so as to reach every county of the State; and that the result will be that the money and free labor which is now being used for the upkeep of the dirt roads will be used to much better advantage than ever before and the road work of 1916 will be on a higher plane.

It is expected that there will be exhibits of road machinery, road materials and road models which will be of value and interest to all of those attending the Institute.

Questions of interest to Road Engineers will be discussed such as location; construction, including grading and surfacing, by force accounting and by contract; reports from road engineers as to machinery used and its efficiency; bridge construction; relation of superintendents and engineers to commissioners; county road work and its relation to State work, etc. Road engineers are invited and urged to bring up for discussion any problems with which they have met during the past year and it is believed a full discussion of such problems will go far toward effecting a solution.

The University will do all it can to help care for those attending the Institute and will furnish meals at Swain Hall at 15 cents each. The University will be able to provide rooms for a certain number and others will be accommodated at the hotel and boarding houses.

Invitations to the Institute are extended to all road officials, including county commissioners, road commissioners, road engineers, road superintendents, supervisors, overseers and patrolmen; in fact, to any citizen interested directly or indirectly in the road work of the State.

COTTON REPORT

To The Advance: There were 2,575 bales of cotton ginned in Camden County from the crop of 1915 prior to January 1st, 1916, as compared with 4166 bales ginned prior to January 1st, 1915.

There were 3633 bales of cotton ginned in Pasquotank County, from the crop of 1915 prior to January 1st 1916, as compared with 6410 bales ginned prior to January 1st, 1915.

N. A. JONES, Special Agent.

Sheriff R. E. L. Griggs of Point Harbor was in the city Thursday on business.

W. F. Keaton of Avon was here Thursday.

AT SHAWBORO THIS WEEK. DISTRICT CONVENTION I.O.O.F.

The District Convention for the First District of North Carolina I. O. O. F. will be held on Wednesday, January 19th and Thursday, January 20th with Sligo Lodge No. 240 and Indiantown Lodge No. 165 at Shawboro, N. C.

The delegates will arrive in Shawboro Wednesday afternoon when they will meet for organization and distribution to the different homes. There will be no meeting on Wednesday night.

All day Thursday there will be a business meeting at the hall and that night there will be a public meeting in the Baptist church at which time the Grand Master of the State, Hon. Thomas L. Green, will make the address.

Bro. John D. Berry, Assistant Grand Secretary while in this section of the State will attend Anchoree Lodge No. 14 in Elizabeth City, Friday night, January 21st, Shiloh Lodge on Saturday night, January 22nd, Camden Lodge on Monday night January 24th, and Edenton Lodge on Tuesday night, January 25th. It is hoped that a full attendance will meet with them on these dates.

S. L. Seymour of Camden, N. C. is president of the District Convention, H. G. Godfrey of Elizabeth City is Vice-president, W. C. French of Savage, N. C. is Secretary and H. T. Green of Jr. is District Supervisor.

GENUINE REDUCTIONS BRING LARGE CROWDS

The most successful sale in the history of the M. Leigh Sheep Company has just been inaugurated.

Saturday's crowds came—they saw—they were impressed by the very unusual bargains, and they bought.

Notwithstanding the very unusual and bitter cold day this store was busy from opening of the doors in the morning until closing at night.

Mr. Sheep reports the most gratifying results of any sale ever held by the store and he says that he can only account for it in one way—and that is, that the M. Leigh Sheep Company, lives up to its advertising—and always gives its customers a square deal.

This sale will continue until Tuesday, January 25th. Pay them a visit. advt

BANK CLOSED WEDNESDAY

This Bank will be closed Wednesday January 19, on account of Lee's Birthday.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

THEATRE TRAIN THURSDAY

The Norfolk Southern Railway will run a special theatre train from Edenton to Norfolk Thursday for the benefit of those who wish to see "The Birth of a Nation" at the Colonial Theatre Thursday evening.

This train leaves Elizabeth City at five o'clock Thursday afternoon, and returning leaves Norfolk at 11:59.

LATIN PLAY THURSDAY NIGHT

On Thursday evening the Virgil and Cicero classes of the Elizabeth City High School will give a Latin play. The play portrays a Roman wedding, and in addition to the presentation of the play, there will be several musical numbers and an exhibition of interest. The public is invited to show their interest in the high school and its pupils by attending. The admission fee is ten cents.

FINGERS BADLY HURT

Elias Williams who is a blacksmith on Polindexter street, had three fingers badly injured by the planer last Friday night about eight o'clock. He is now recovering from the effects of the accident at his home on West Main street.

DOCTOR GREGORY STRUCK BY AUTO

Had Leg Broken and Was Badly Bruised Besides in Accident Thursday.

Interviewed by an Advance reporter this afternoon a member of Dr. Gregory's family stated that his condition today is much improved, the doctor being in much less pain in every way than he was for the first few days succeeding his hurt on last Thursday.

In addition to the pain naturally arising from a broken limb Dr. Gregory's suffering has been intensified by wounds and bruises on head and face which resulted from his falling on the hard pavement when the automobile struck him.

Dr. S. W. Gregory had his leg broken just below the knee and was considerably bruised about the head when he was struck last Thursday night by an automobile driven by Johnnie Sherlock, a young auto-hackman of this city.

Dr. Gregory had been out to his farm in Camden county and had just got back to the city on the night express. He was walking up Main street along the inside of the curbing, as the sidewalk unpaved along this part of the street, was muddy. He says that he noticed an automobile light ahead of him coming toward him but at considerable distance. At this moment the glare of a light behind him attracted his attention, and before he looked up the street again he was struck by the automobile coming toward the depot.

Sherlock says that he was trying to catch the night train, which had not pulled out from the depot when his car struck Dr. Gregory. The lights of the car behind Dr. Gregory were shining in Sherlock's face, so blinding him, he claims, that he did not see the man between him and the lights at all.

Dr. Gregory was taken to his home on Church street, and immediate surgical attention was given his broken limb and other hurts.

INSURANCE COMPANY ELECTS DIRECTORS

The stockholders of the Culpepper, Griffin, Old & Grice Company, last week elected the following directors: W. G. Gaither, L. S. Blades, P. H. Williams, C. W. Grice, D. B. Bradford, W. T. Old, L. E. Old, S. W. Gregory, and Louis Selig.

HOSIERY COMPANY ELECTS OFFICERS

On Tuesday the following directors were elected by the stockholders of the Pasquotank Hosiery Company: S. H. Johnson, T. S. Davenport, M. G. Morrisette, G. M. Scott, W. H. Jennings, N. Burfoot, E. V. Scott, D. VanHorn, Geo. J. Spence.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: N. Burfoot, president; F. V. Scott, Vice-President; W. H. Jennings, Secretary; D. VanHorn, treasurer.

GRAY MULE CURRENCY

"For and in consideration of one gray mule". Such is the language of the beginning of a deed duly made a part of the county's records yesterday, the mule taking the place of the usual money consideration for which the owner made over his rights in certain real estate in this county to another person. It is the first instance, says Register of Deeds, J. W. Munden, which has come under his observation in which property changed hands with a mule as the monetary consideration.

J. B. Leigh left Monday for Plymouth to attend the session of Superior Court.