

Illness Causes Young Man To Kill Himself

Marion, Sept. 28.—A very tragic and sad happening occurred here this evening when Paul Stewart, a prominent young man of this place, shot himself in the head, the bullet penetrating in the back part of the brain and proving fatal. He was just recovering from a severe attack of spinal meningitis and despondency over his condition of health, it is thought, prompted the deed. He had been confined to his bed since around the 26th of August. His recovery was thought sure but his mind was evidently affected by the disease.

MORE THAN 300,000 DEAD AND MISSING AS RESULT OF JAPANESE DISASTER

Washington, Oct. 1.—An official dispatch from Tokio to the Japanese Embassy today placed the number of known dead in the earthquake some at 103,000, the injured at 125,000 and the missing at 225,000. The number of persons who have left Tokio is 1,083,000.

A total of 534,000 houses were destroyed, and the total property damage was said to be variously estimated at two and one-half to five billion dollars.

Plowing Up Stalks Deprives Weevil Food

Raleigh, N. C.—The reward for ripping up or plowing under the green stalks immediately after picking cotton and before the plants are killed by frost is an increased cotton crop next year, believes W. Bruce Mabree, who does extension work in boll weevil control for the State College and Department of Agriculture. Mr. Mabree has just returned to Dunn, N. C., where he worked with the planters in that section this year. His observations, therefore, are based on considerable experience with the weevils out in the fields. "There are two reasons for plowing under the cotton stalks,"

INVITE WOMEN TO RETURN TO FOLD

Asked To Forget Swimming Incident Which They Refuse to Do

Chapel Hill, Oct. 2.—The three women recently turned out of the Carrboro Baptist church for going in the swimming pool at the same time as men and non-support and non-attendance of the church said today they had been invited to return to the fold on condition they forget the swimming pool and all incident connected with it.

These three women — Mrs. B. C. Lloyd, Mrs. Ralph Merritt and Miss Grace Womble—answered the invitation "to redeem themselves" with a flat ultimatum in which they

says Mr. Mabree. "The first of these is that the practice destroys a large number of young and immature weevils to be found in the young bolls and squares still remaining on the stalks. Were these weevils permitted to mature and feed they would better withstand the winter than the older generation."

"The second reason is that plowing under the stalks removes the weevils' food, thus making a longer period from the time of their last square meal in the fall until their first meal in the spring. Many of the insects therefore die during the winter."

Mr. Mabree stresses the point that this protective measure is only effective when the stalks are plowed under before they die naturally, and that its effectiveness is in proportion to the length of time the stalks are plowed under before frost. In a recent letter addressed to the cotton growers of Eastern Carolina, Mr. Mabree urges the growers to pick out their cotton and turn under the stalks.

College workers point out that this practice also offers an opportunity to sow some fall crops for improving the soil and for small grain.

say they will stay out of the church and enjoy the swimming pool.

Those who side with the three women were today discussing the visit of the Rev. J. B. Davis to a Lakeview swimming pool. Mrs. Merritt says that while at Lakeview Mr. Davis went in the pool at the same time as the women. Mrs. Merritt avers she was on hand and saw him herself. She denies the truth to his statement that he went in at noon with his brother-in-law when there were no women in. He may have been at one end and the women at the other, but they were both in at the same time, she says.

The expelled members also asking why they weren't turned out of the church before they were, along with forty others dismissed for non-payment of dues, if non-payment of dues and non-attendance, as the minister alleges, had anything to do with their expulsion.

It was learned today that not all the members of the three families involved in the expulsion are in accord on whether the deacons of the church acted wisely. For instance, there is a big brother of Miss Womble, who said the deacons did exactly right. He said today—and his sister heard him—that he just didn't believe in men and women going in the pool.

"Do you believe in men and women going in together at the sea-shore?" he was asked.

"Well, I guess that's all right," he replied.

There's one thing the three women want emphasized in justice to the frequent statements that they were going in with men. There's a distinction. They did not go in with men, but if men went in before or after them they hold that was none of their business.

Dr. Lloyd and Mr. Merritt are standing pat with their wives on the question, and it is understood they are willing to back to the limit financially the suit for slander against the minister which the women have threatened.

The Rev. Mr. Davis and the Rev. L. A. Hunicutt, of Landrum, S. C., who is conducting the Baptist revival and who is staunchly supporting Dr. Davis, were not issuing further statements today. Mr. Davis

recently to confer with his counsel, but he had nothing to add to his statement that the matter would be settled in court.

Mexico City Breaks With Venezuelans

Washington, Oct. 2.—Official confirmation of the breaking off of diplomatic relations between Mexico and Venezuela reached the State Department today from the Ven-

ezuelan capital. The message threw no additional light upon the underlying reasons for the action taken.

Relations have been strained between the two countries for some time, to the point where consular agents were the only officials maintained by each government within the territory of the other. The refusal by Venezuelan officials to permit the landing of a Mexican opera-troupe is looked upon here as only the final incident in creating the break. No indication that more ser-

ious developments are to be expected has been given in recent advices to the Washington government.

Jumps From Truck And Cruches Skull

Hickory, Oct. 2.—Zero Huffman, aged 40 years, whose home is a mile from Meadows church, Burke county jumped and sustained injuries from which he died later in the Richard Baker hospital here. Mr. Huffman, who was riding in the

rear had called to the driver to stop to let him speak to T. L. Hilderbrand, but before the truck stopped the man jumped, it appears, and landed on his neck and head. His skull was crushed.

Mrs. Huffman, his wife, who came to Hickory, said the accident apparently was unavoidable. The driver started to stop when her husband misjudging the speed of the machine, jumped.

He is survived by his wife and three children and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Huffman.

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