

RADICALS HAD PLANNED MAY DAY ASSASSINATIONS

Government Agents Unearth Plots of Wholesale Assaults and Assassinations Planned By Reds For May Day - Propaganda Used in Textile Districts Said That Strikes Would Reduce High Cost of Living.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 30.—Warning that they had been selected by radical elements for assault or assassination as part of a May day demonstration had been received from department of justice agents today by more than a score of federal and state officials.

CHICAGO CHIEF FORESTALLS MAY DAY DEPREDEATIONS (By The Associated Press) CHICAGO, April 30.—More than 350 persons were in city jails here today as a result of what John C. Garrity, chief of police, termed a "spring clean-up of criminals."

HARDING'S MANAGER IS DEFEATED BY CLOSE VOTE

(By The Associated Press.) COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 30.—By a margin of but 307 votes, Harry M. Daugherty, of Columbus, national campaign manager for Senator Warren O. Harding, was defeated in Tuesday's primary for delegate at large to the republican national convention at Chicago.

JOE TURNER CONFESSES. GREENVILLE, S. C., April 30.—Joe Turner, the negro who is held in Lynchburg, on the charge of murder of a policeman, last night confessed to the killing of Policemen J. L. Kitchen and A. M. Blair in Greenville, October 5, last year, according to a statement made to the press by Sheriff Willis, who returned this morning from Lynchburg.

Mrs. John F. Abernethy, of Meadville, who has been ill for some time, is reported to be in a critical condition.

TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT C. & N. W. COMES TO GASTONIA

Mr. E. F. Reid, Division Freight and Passenger Agent Will Have Offices in Gastonia on Second Floor Groves Building - All Traffic Matters of C. & N. - W. Will Center Here.

Removal of the traffic department of the Carolina & Northwestern Railway to Gastonia from Chester, S. C., has been decided upon, according to announcement made this afternoon. Final arrangements were completed with the leasing by C. I. Loftin of the second floor of the Groves building, on the first floor of which is located his printing plant.

Several weeks ago the matter was taken up between officials of the company and the Chamber of Commerce and negotiations continued until today when the two named arrived with authority from headquarters for the change. The transfer of the offices will be made as soon as the offices can be remodelled for occupancy.

Realization of Gastonia's wonderful industrial growth and a desire to be in position to give better service to the city brought about the decision to move the traffic department here. The coming of Mr. Reid and his office force will mean the centering of all traffic matters dealing with the railroad here. It will also mean immediate attention to the constantly developing needs of the city as they arise.

SOLICITOR WILSON WITH-DRAWS FROM RACE

Owing to Duties Connected With Solicitorship Mr. Wilson Finds Himself Unable to Devote Time to Making Race For Congress.

Solicitor Geo. W. Wilson, who entered the lists for the nomination for Congress from the Ninth district some days ago, makes announcement that he has withdrawn from the race. He states that "the duties of the solicitorship will require so much of his time between now and the June primary that he finds it impossible to prosecute a campaign as it ought to be done, and that he, therefore, declines to make the race for Congress, and withdraws his name from the list of candidates."

DEATHS

MR. PELHAM MORROW.

News of the death of Mr. Pelham Morrow, of Hamlet, whose critical illness was mentioned in Thursday's Daily Gazette, was received here at a late hour last night. Death came at 10:20 Thursday night following a serious illness of only 24 hours from a stroke of apoplexy.

Mr. Morrow was about 65 years of age and is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. Robert Clark of Hamlet, and three sisters, Mrs. B. J. Caldwell, of Gastonia; Mrs. Lou Cathey, of Sheffield, Ala.; and Mrs. J. H. Cloninger, of Moreville. Deceased was a brother of the late Mr. LeRoy Morrow, father of Messrs. Holland and Norman Morrow, of Gastonia.

Mr. Morrow and his family were formerly residents of Gastonia, having moved to Hamlet some 10 or 12 years ago. His only son, Mr. Earl Morrow, who was quite popular here, met his death in an automobile accident in December, 1913. Deceased was an active and loyal member of the First Presbyterian church, of Hamlet, and his funeral will be conducted there at 11 o'clock Saturday morning. Mrs. B. J. Caldwell and Mrs. Fannie Morrow, left yesterday morning for Hamlet upon receipt of the news of Mr. Morrow's critical condition. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Morrow and Mr. and Mrs. Holland Morrow leave today to attend the funeral.

Do not miss "Along the Mountain Trail" at the Central School Auditorium tonight. It's full of wholesome humor and tear-producing pathos. 30 p 1

GASTONIA MEN SUBSCRIBE QUOTA OF \$10,000

Messrs. Matthew Hale and Hugh MacRae, of South Atlantic Export Company Confer With Gastonia Bankers and Business Men - Quota of \$10,000 Is Subscribed.

Gastonia bankers and business men took \$10,000 stock in the South Atlantic Export Company last evening in 10 minutes, following a brief presentation of the company's aims and prospects by Mr. Hugh MacRae, of Wilmington, and Mr. Matthew Hale. This was the maximum amount Gastonia was asked to subscribe to this corporation. Mr. J. Lee Robinson presided at the meeting.

Because of the fact that the coming of Mr. MacRae and Mr. Hale was not known until late in the afternoon, word having been received by phone from them at High Point, it was not possible to advertise the meeting. Word was passed around among the business men and manufacturers and a representative crowd gathered in the directors room of the Citizens National bank at 6 o'clock. Those present were more or less familiar with the aims of the South Atlantic Export Company and Mr. MacRae devoted most of his time to telling of what had been accomplished in the short time since its organization. Up to the present time agencies have been established in a dozen or more of the leading countries of the world. These agencies are engaged in placing southern goods on the markets of the world. These goods are being shipped largely from southern ports. Inquiries for raw and manufactured goods are being received from almost all quarters of the globe. Experts have been employed and are now located in the leading trade centers of the world, including Bombay, India, Melbourne and Sydney, Australia, in Italy, Austria, South Africa, the Scandinavian countries, South American cities, and numerous other great buying centers. Business men in the various towns and cities in the far South Atlantic states, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, are being asked to subscribe a total capital of \$400,000 and present indications are that this amount of stock will be raised without any trouble.

Following Mr. MacRae, Mr. Hale told of the recent success the South Atlantic Maritime Corporation, an allied organization, had experienced in obtaining 12 of the latest and largest steel ships for the United States Shipping board for shipping between southern and foreign ports. When the corporation first asked for ships in order that shipping from Southern ports might be put on a somewhat equal footing with northern ports, the board offered the corporation one old wooden ship at a rental of \$25,000 per month. This was refused. Recently, with the solid backing of the congressmen and business men of the South Atlantic, Middle Western and Mississippi Valley states, the board was induced to give the southern ports 12 of the best steel ships on the same terms on which the northern ports secure them. These ships are now sailing out of southern ports to all parts of the world and are carrying full cargoes on every trip. Adjustments of freight rates have been secured which enables the Western and Middle Western manufacturers to route their goods for foreign markets through southern ports instead of through New York as has always heretofore been the case. Mr. Hale presented a glowing picture of the possibilities of the south developing an enormous foreign commerce. There is no reason, he said, why goods produced in the south should have to go through New York and Boston to get to foreign countries. The northern banks, export houses and commission men have fattened for so these many years at the expense of the south. This condition should be changed. It can be changed. It is being changed.

Following these two brief talks the business men present told Mr. MacRae and Mr. Hale that the \$10,000 stock allotted to Gastonia was taken.

WESLEYAN METODISTS TO RAISE MILLION DOLLARS.

The Wesleyan Methodist church through its forward movement commission has launched a campaign for \$1,000,000 to be raised during the month of May by popular subscriptions in cash and pledges. Rev. Edward M. Graham, president of the North Carolina annual conference, who is the conference director for the Forward Movement, wishes the announcement made that Gastonia's quota for this financial drive is \$7,000, and that the pastors of the Wesleyan Methodist churches in the city will at once make special appeals both to their congregations and to the business men in order that Gastonia may "go over the top." Rev. Mr. Graham is very optimistic regarding the outcome of the financial drive in his conference, and is confident that he can report Gastonia as being one of the first cities to raise its quota. The funds raised in this campaign are to be used to increase and maintain the mission interests, both home and foreign, also to strengthen and make more efficient the educational institutions of the church.

PANAMA, April 29.—General John J. Pershing arrived here today to make an inspection of military forces in the canal zone.

POSSIBILITIES OF SERIOUS CLASH PREDICTED IN NEW MEXICAN UPRISING

JAMES R. HUIRT PROVES A MODERN BLUEBEARD

Has Married Twelve or Fifteen Women and Probably More - Has Murdered Two and Others Met "Accidental" Deaths - Attempted to Kill Himself.

(By The Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, Calif., April 30.—At least two of the numerous women James R. Huirt is alleged to have married in various parts of the country were murdered by him, two others met "accidental" deaths while with him, and he "might have murdered more," according to an alleged confession made public early today by J. Morgan Marmaduke, his attorney, and county officials. Huirt said he "could not remember" what happened to some of the women because of his still weakened condition resulting from two attempts to commit suicide, the reputed confession said. He lay on a cot at the county hospital as he talked. Huirt has been held here several days while officers investigated reports of numerous marriages. He married "twelve or fifteen women, probably more," Huirt was quoted as saying. A desire to kill obsessed him four years ago, Huirt was alleged to have said, and women were his special victims, there being no direct motive for their deaths, and no desire to kill men, children or animals.

Nina Lee Deloney, killed with a hammer at Long Beach, Calif., and Elizabeth Pryor, whose head was crushed with a sledge hammer near Plum, Wash., were the "wives" whose murders the officers said Huirt confessed.

The partial "confession," said the officers, related to the deaths of Bertha Goodnick and Alice Ludvigson. Miss Goodnick was tipped out of a boat in Lake Washington, near Seattle, and Miss Ludvigson was drowned in a river in Idaho, they said.

A party immediately left for the place near San Diego where Huirt said he buried Miss Delaney's body. More than twenty-five marriages have been attributed by the officers to Huirt. Seven women are listed as missing. They include beside the four named in the alleged confession, Mrs. Gertrude Wilson, Seattle; Beatrice M. Andrews, of Canada and England; and Agnes Wilson, Alberta, Canada.

The first to die, according to the alleged confession, was Miss Ludvigson. Huirt was quoted as saying he was in a boat with her, fishing in a river in Idaho. His memory was weak as to the exact time and location. The boat, he stated, jammed against logs which were lashed to the bank of the river, and he and Miss Ludvigson tried with their arms to free the raft. When he broke away, he narrated, the woman lost her balance and fell into the river and was drowned.

He said Miss Goodnick died when she fell from a launch into Lake Washington while trying to go from the stern to the center. Later on the officers said, Huirt himself referred to the death as "a murder."

In the Pryor case, the officers said, he asserted the woman attacked him with a hat pin and he shoved her so violently that she fell and struck her head against a box. He believed she was dead, he was said to have declared, but to make certain, struck her with a hammer.

Miss Deloney, he was quoted as saying, he killed at a camp near Signal Hill, at the edge of Long Beach, Calif., January 26, last, after they quarreled about letters he had received from other women. The officers said Huirt told them he did not know his right name, but admitted having used many aliases.

He said he knew nothing of his parents, but did know he was born somewhere in the south. He said he had little education. He admitted, the officers said, that he had no direct motive in killing his victims, some of the slaying following violent quarrels.

He said, they declared, he had killed some women who "had no money." "Something just told me to do it," he was quoted. He told them he obtained a certain satisfaction in the very act of murder, the officers said, and experienced a sense of relief that the woman in each case was dead.

Attorney Marmaduke, representing Huirt, stated that the alleged confession had been given to the district attorney "in the best interests of his client." Huirt was arrested December 10, at his home in Hollywood. At that time, according to the police, he was preparing to take his latest wife on a trip into the

(By Associated Press.)

EL PASO, Texas, April 30.—Reinforcements for the Chihuahua City loyal troops and also for the revolting Carranza garrison which went over to the Sonora revolutionary movement, present possibilities for a serious clash, observers of developments in the new Mexican uprising said today. Possession of the Chihuahua state capital would mean a serious blow to the federal forces because of possible interruption to communication with Mexico City, it was pointed out, and the rebels would gain in control of the supply center.

Although Juarez military officials asserted danger in an uprising there in sympathy with the Sonora revolt was past, outposts were stationed last night to prevent a possible surprise attack on the border port and American army officers at Fort Bliss held troops in readiness for instant use in case a skirmish endangered the lives on the American side.

General J. G. Escobar, Juarez commander, and other Mexican federal officers continued to minimize the dangers to the central government from the Sonora revolt. General Escobar said the clash yesterday in Pulpito pass was a mere skirmish. He declared the troops at Casas Grandes were adequate for protection of the state from invasion by Mayo and Yaqui Indians through the mountain passes. The situation both at Juarez and at Torreon was declared to be quiet.

REPUBLICANS MEET IN CAUCUS OVER BONUS BILL

WASHINGTON, April 30.—House republicans, divided into two factions over the sales tax plan for raising funds for soldier relief legislation, will meet in party caucus tonight to iron out their differences. There was no indication early today what would be the result.

Both sides lined up during the day, the insurgents admittedly in the minority seeking to gather strength to convince the regular leaders that enactment of the relief bill as planned could not be accomplished with the sales tax among its provisions.

—Dr. J. M. Peterson, a prominent physician and lawyer of Spruce Pine, who is a candidate for the democratic nomination for Congress in the ninth district, is spending today in Gastonia in the interest of his candidacy.

mountains. He was taken into custody for investigation in connection with the operations of a gang of confidence men. Nina Lee Deloney, whose home was at Eureka, Montana, married Huirt, the officers said, under the name of Charles N. Harvey at San Francisco, December 5, 1919. She was last seen at a hotel at Santa Monica, Calif., January 26, 1920. She had property valued at \$20,000. Some of it was found in Huirt's possession, the officers declared.

Bertha A. Goodnick, Spokane, Wash., married Huirt, they said, under the name of H. L. Gordon, June 11, 1919, at North Yakima, Wash. Her body was found near Plum station, Washington, a short time afterward. Trunks belonging to her were located in Vancouver, Washington, warehouse.

Alice M. Ludvigson, whose home was in Seattle, married the man under the name of Andrew Hilton, the officers said, October 6, 1917, at Port Townsend, Washington. Property of hers, various papers, her will and their marriage license, they declared, were found in Huirt's possession.

Elizabeth Pryor was a waitress of Wallace, Idaho and Spokane, Wash. She married Huirt, according to the officers, under the name of Milton Lewis, at Coor D'Alene, Idaho, March 25, 1918. Her picture and some tax receipts in her name were among Huirt's effects when he was arrested, they added.

ONE VICTIM WAS KENTUCKY GIRL

(By The Associated Press)

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 30.—Nina Lee Deloney has been identified by relatives in this vicinity as a former resident of Hodgenville, Ky. No word had been received from her since January 25, when a postcard dated at Tijuana, Mexico, and bearing her name, was received by her sister, Mrs. Alice Noyes, of Floyd Knobs, Ind., a village near Louisville. It recited that "We are going to South America. Don't expect to hear from me for three months." Mrs. Noyes, according to Louisville police reports, said the handwriting was not that of her sister.

Mrs. Deloney left Kentucky six months ago with her husband for Gastonia, Mead. Later the couple separated. Mrs. Deloney went to Alaska and from there to California. Letters from her announced her marriage on December 5, 1919, to Charles N. Harvey.