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PLOT TO MURDER NEW PRESIDENT

Huerta's Bodyguard Would Have
Assassinated Him But
For Accident.

NO ARRESTS YET MADE

A Full Investigation Of The Af-
fair Is Now Being Con-
ducted.

Mexico City, March 20.—According to information given by the private secretary of President Huerta the discovery of a letter in the National Palace yesterday foiled a plot by the members of the presidential bodyguard to assassinate Huerta last night. The secretary said the government had the names of persons who paid members of the bodyguard a huge sum of \$100,000.

"No arrests have been made so far," he added, "but a full investigation is being conducted with probably will result in arrests of prominent Maderists and a lot of those who took blood money."

A cabled report of the assassination plot was published by some newspapers here today, including a description of the midnight scene in which officers, crossing their swords over Madero's grave, swore to avenge the martyr's death. All of this the secretary pronounced ridiculous.

Amnesty Measure Signed.

Mexico City, March 20.—The amnesty measure was signed today by President Huerta and telegraphed to the Governors of all the States for proclamation.

Pascual Arzoco, Jr., who is working with the government to effect the cooperation of the adherents of the Zapata, brothers, is meeting with much success, and hopes to bring about the allegiance of the two leaders themselves.

The government is not convinced that Inez Salazar will continue in rebellion, and has sent him an order to join a column now on its way to Sonora. A large proportion of the forces intended for the Sonora campaign will be moved westward from Casas Grandes through the Mormon colonies.

Dispatches from Monterey indicate that the residents there fear an attack by Carranza. The arrest of Mayor Zambrano and twenty prominent residents has caused considerable excitement at that place.

New Reign of Terror.

Washington, March 20.—Reports to the Navy Department, telling of a new reign of terror in Northwestern Mexico, caused the dispatch today by the department of the armored cruisers California and Maryland to the coast along the Gulf of California, and will sail as soon as possible, making their first stop at San Diego.

The alarming news came to the department from Rear-Admiral Southernland, who is on board the Colorado cruising along the West Mexican coast. His dispatches indicate that there is great uneasiness among foreigners in Sonora and Sinaloa, the two provinces in rebellion against Huerta. American citizens are reported to be leaving everything behind and fleeing to the coast of the Gulf of California, their point of concentration being Guaymas.

The dispatches to the Navy Department seem to indicate that there is trouble of a grave character all the way from Acapulco to Guaymas.

SCHOONER IN DISTRESS SEEKS CUTTER'S AID.

The Collector of Customs at this port received a telegram yesterday afternoon which stated that the schooner Jennie L. Bell, Captain Williams, carrying a cargo of lumber, had run aground near North river and requested the assistance of the revenue cutter Pamlico. The cutter left this port on the previous day for Elizabeth City and the message requesting her aid was forwarded to that point. The stranded vessel is from a northern port and is not listed in this district.

Dr. Dees is a son of Geo. Dees of Grantsboro, Pamlico county, and brother of Dr. D. A. Dees of Bayboro. His many friends in this section wish him much success and happiness.

In The Tall Timber.

(From the Denver Republican.)
"There's no sorrow, no unhappiness, no worry in the woods," says a nature-writer. No wonder people take to em-

OPPOSE ATTACK ON WEBB LAW

Attorney General McReynolds An-
nounces He Will Take a
Hand In Liquor Fight.

LAW QUESTIONED IN RICHMOND

First Case In Country Challeng-
ing Operation of Law
Was Brought There.

Richmond, March 20.—An echo of the action begun earlier in the month by Richmond liquor dealers to secure relief from the operation of the Webb-Kenyon act, as applied to shipments destined for South Carolina, came from Washington yesterday in the form of a statement credited to Attorney General McReynolds, to the effect that should the Richmond dealers renew the fight the Department of Justice will take a hand.

Such a statement, it is reported, was made by Attorney-General McReynolds to Congressman E. Y. Webb, of North Carolina, co-author of the new national liquor act. Mr. Webb brought the recent action of the Richmond dealers to the attention of the Attorney-General, who is it said, will intervene in the first case that is brought challenging the operation of the Webb-Kenyon law in any State.

The attack in Richmond took the form of an application for a temporary injunction in the United States District Court to restrain the Southern Express Company from refusing to accept and forward liquor shipments destined to South Carolina points. Before Judge Waddill could act on the application, the express company removed the embargo under the authority of a temporary order issued by Judge Gary, of the South Carolina Supreme Court, calling upon agents in South Carolina to make deliveries. Judge Waddill subsequently refused to grant the injunction asked for.

With the removal of the South Carolina embargo, the chief grievance of the local dealers was dissolved, and it is now regarded as unlikely that further proceedings will be instituted here, unless Judge Gary's order is set aside and the express company again outlaws South Carolina shipments.

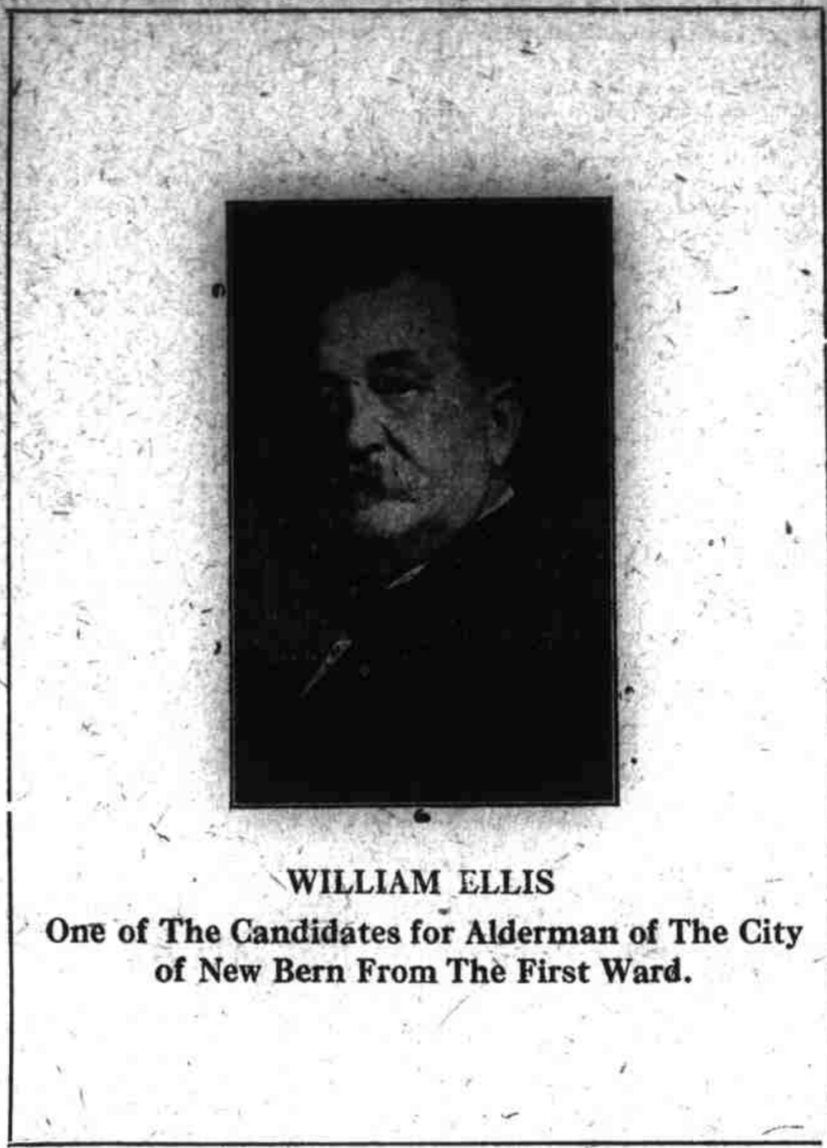
SIMMONS CHATS WITH PRESIDENT

TELLS CHIEF EXECUTIVE THAT
FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL
ASSIST HIM.

Washington, March 20.—Before going into conference with Chairman Underwood and other members of the ways and means committee of the house yesterday, Senator Simmons, chairman of the Senate finance committee, called on President Wilson at the White House and told the President that he as chairman, and other members of the Senate finance committee, would co-operate with the President in putting through tariff legislation in accord with the Democratic platform adopted at Baltimore.

Senator Simmons said he had a very pleasant talk with Mr. Wilson. The president was most cordial to the North Carolina senator and seemed to appreciate the call. Later, Senator Simmons and a subcommittee of the finance committee went over tariff measures with Chairman Underwood in the way and means committee room. After the conference, Senator Simmons said that there was perfect harmony between the members of the finance committee and the ways and means committee, and that he expected no friction in tariff making. There is to be reduction in tariff all along the line, it is understood, and an effort will be made to follow the Baltimore platform. It is not believed that there will be free lumber or free wool. There will be, however, reduction in the tariff rate on both of these commodities. Wool may be reduced to about 20 per cent, and the present rate on lumber may be cut in half.

Through the medium of this Journal's west column, little Miss Sallie Hunter Ball, daughter of J. R. Ball, recovered yesterday a valuable trinket which she lost several days ago. The finder advertised it in the Journal and as usual the desired result was forthcoming.



WILLIAM ELLIS

One of The Candidates for Alderman of The City of New Bern From The First Ward.

MORGAN BANK TO BE FINEST YET

THE MOST IMPOSING STRUC-
TURE OF ITS KIND IN
THE COUNTRY.

New York, March 20.—To build the new banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., on the old site at the southeast corner of Wall and Broad streets, will cost \$1,200,000. It will be the most imposing structure of its kind in this country.

Trowbridge & Livingston as architects filed the plans yesterday. The four stories will rise to the height of six in an ordinary building. On the top floor will be sleeping rooms and a terrace, over which the bankers may stroll and view such parts of the money district as are shut off by skyscrapers from a secluded garden of palms and hardy shrubs. There, too, will be dining rooms and a barber shop.

The sides of the building will be of Tennessee marble three feet thick. Foundation walls will be of the cofferdam type, seven feet thick, to give absolute protection for the basement vaults. The Wall streets frontage will be 113.5 feet, that on Broad street 156.11 feet.

EXPLORERS SEEK A LOST WORLD

TO PENETRATE BRAZIL IN THE
INTEREST OF SCIENCE
AND HUMANITY.

Philadelphia, March 20.—Tears and cheers, sore hearts and hearts beating high with hope sent the yacht Pennsylvania on her way when she steamed down the Delaware river for one of the most adventurous voyages of modern times.

The yacht is the property of the University of Pennsylvania, and is bound for Brazil with a daring party of explorers, who purpose penetrating to the far reaches of the Amazon and to the headwaters of its mighty tributaries in the interest of science and humanity. They seek what is known as the "lost world" in the basin of the Amazon.

The expedition has been organized and equipped by the University. It will be gone about three years and is expected to penetrate to regions never before visited by white men.

The yacht is in command of Capt. J. C. Bowen, U. S. N. (retired), and the expedition is headed by Dr. William C. Larrabee, curator of the American section of the museum. His chief associates are Dr. Franklin B. Church, and authority on tropical medicine, and Sandy McNab, a traveler of wide experience and a scientist.

PLAY THAT WILL APPEAL TO ALL

"THE LITTLE MINISTER" WED-
NESDAY—SECOND PER-
FORMANCE DOUBTFUL.

The time for the presentation of the "Little Minister" is drawing near and the rehearsals are progressing nicely. Sixteen people are in the cast, and the names will be published later. Some need no introduction to the theatergoers of New Bern, while others will make their initial bow in this play.

"The Little Minister" is a play that will appeal to the church folks, it being a strong presentation of the views and feelings of the officials of most every church; some defending and others too ready to condemn their minister.

The parts are in capable hands and all who wish to see it, will do well to secure tickets from the ladies of the Daughters of the Confederacy right away, as it is hardly possible that a second performance will be given, the royalty being so high that it would not be profitable. The prices are, lower floor \$1.00; first three rows of balcony 75 cents; balance of balcony 50 cents.

WILMINGTON MAN WILL DRAW PLANS

WELL KNOWN ARCHITECT WILL
DESIGN PEOPLE'S BANK'S
NEW HOME.

A building committee composed of several of the officers and directors of the People's Bank met yesterday for the purpose of selecting an architect to draw the plans for the bank's new home which is to be erected on Middle street just north of J. M. Mitchell & Company's handsome new building.

Several architects from this and other states were considered but after some discussion the committee unanimously agreed to place this work in the hands of E. H. Stephens of Wilmington and he was notified to draw up plans and specifications. As soon as the plans have been drawn, bids will be advertised for and after the contract is awarded the work of construction will begin as soon as possible.

The National Bank has received a supply of new five-cent pieces which were the occasion of so much comment when the first supply of them first left the mint a short while ago. The coin is not specially artistic in appearance but the experts at the National say that they believe it will not wear slick as fast as some coins do.

SHOULD BE READY FOR EMERGENCIES

Secretary of War Wants United
States Naval Forces Put
In Condition.

NOT ADVOCATING MILITARISM

Wants Small; Compact And
Thoroughly Efficient Mil-
itary Force.

Washington, March 20.—In an official statement of policy today Secretary of War Garrison declared in favor of immediate preparation of the military forces of the United States to meet any emergency, holding a discussion of disarmament by international agreement to be entirely out of place in the consideration of what the United States government should do to meet existing conditions. The secretary proposed retention of the regular army at its present strength, improvement of the national guard and creation of a reserve.

Declaring that he was not urging militarism, Mr. Garrison said the leading men in the United States army do not advocate militarism, which means the existence of a large standing army, compact, but thoroughly efficient army.

The most rabid anti-militarists, he said, could not seriously suggest that the greatest army of 89,000 to look after a population of more than 110,000,000 in the United States and the insular possession had any hint of military in it.

"One one will pretend," he added "to one will pretend," he added "to at with a mobile force of less than 35,000 men in the United States proper) we are prepared; in fact, if you don't alter the condition, we are not even prepared to prepare. If we are called to meet force with force, we simply sacrifice men and money in a shameful way. We literally send men out to acquire their education in armies under the fire of an enemy, an enormity which has only to be stated to cause one to shrink from permitting it."

For relief, the secretary proposed reserve of trained officers and men; improvements in the present national guard and provision for a volunteer soldier, to be trained while the regulars, the reserves and the national guards respond to the first danger call.

Regarding the reverse the secretary suggested that this could be best treated without bringing into existence a large professional soldiery by shortening the present four year enlistment term to two years, so as to train more men in short periods and turn them back into civil life, immediately available in case of need.

To ensure a sufficient supply of officers, the secretary would make good use of the academy at West Point, turning into civil life the graduates who are not needed in time of peace. Finally, he suggested a graduate scheme should be provided so that volunteers may be readily called, officered, equipped and trained when necessity arises.

JOHNNY JONES CARNIVAL COM- PANY HERE SOON.

The Johnny Jones Carnival Company will exhibit in this city during the week of April 14 under the auspices of the New Bern Steam Fire Engine Company. The aggregation will be located at Ghent and the street cars will be used in transporting persons who visit the place during the week. The Johnny Jones Carnival Company is not unknown to the people of North Carolina and this season it is said to be even larger than ever before.

VERY ATTRACTIVE DISPLAY WINDOW AT A. T. WILLIS CO'S STORE.

One of the most tastefully designed display windows in the city is that to be seen at the A. T. Willis Company's establishment on Pollock street. The display is symbolical of the Easter season and shows marked taste and ability on the part of the designer.

Miss Ruth Miller a student at the Southern Shorthand and Business University left last evening for a visit with her parents at Bayboro.

NEW ADS

J. O. Baxter—Honesty.
National Bank of New Bern—Banking facilities.
New Bern Banking and Trust Co.—A wide banking service.
People's Bank—You also can profit.
J. M. Mitchell & Co.—To every woman of New Bern.

TWO REVENUE? RAID PURGA

Notorious Section of Duplin C.
Again Visited By Govern-
ment Officers.

TWO WHITE MEN

Offenders Plead Guilt
Counts and Are
Craven County J.

Albert Whaley and John residents of the Purgatory section of Duplin county, were brought to jail in default of bond for their appearance at the next term of Federal court to answer to charges of retailing, aiding and abetting in the operation of an illicit distill.

The warrant for these two men was sworn out before United States Commissioner C. B. Hill in this city last December by United States Deputy Collector J. E. Cameron. Several times the revenue officers have attempted to place them under arrest but on each occasion the men managed to elude capture.

Early last Wednesday morning Deputy Marshal Samuel Lilly and Deputy Collector J. E. Cameron went to the home of the two men and demanded admittance. Knowing that they were dealing with desperate characters, the officers informed them that it would be useless for them to offer any resistance as they were fully armed and meant business. Whaley and Basden evidently took this for granted for without any delay they opened the door and admitted the two officers.

Handcuffs were placed on them and they were placed in a buggy and carried to Jacksonville where they were taken before United States Commissioner F. W. Hargett for a preliminary hearing. The defendants plead guilty to six counts against them and waived examination. They were placed under bonds of \$150 each and in default of this were ordered to be placed in jail until court convened.

The Purgatory section of Duplin county is said to be one of the most lawless sections of Eastern North Carolina. An officer is taking his life in his hands every time that he goes there after a law breaker and for this reason they always go heavily armed and accompanied by one or more men. Some years ago a revenue officer was fired upon by several moonshiners in that section but before they could wound him he had killed one of their band and made his escape. Since that time the people there have had a strong hatred against the United States officers and there have been several scurrilous attacks upon them which, fortunately, have not resulted in any tragedies.

FOUNDATIONS FOR NEW BUILD- ING BEING LAID.

Workmen yesterday began laying the foundations for the brick building to be erected on the site of the structure formerly occupied by the Journal office on Craven street and which is owned by Eugene Williams. This work will be rushed to completion as early as possible and when the building is completed it will be occupied by the New Bern Garage Company.

PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS TODAY.

The best picture program this year will be seen today matinee and night. Our leading picture

"The Night Before Christmas" is a Vitagraph, featuring Maurice Costello and his beautiful daughter Helen, the leading child player in this country. The story of "The Night before Christmas" appeared in the March number of the Motion Picture Story magazine, and has doubtless been read by a majority of our patrons.

"The Finger of Suspicion" A Kalem drama, featuring beautiful Alice Joyce.

"Guiseppe's Good Fortune" A whirling farce-comedy by the S. & A. Co.

VAUDEVILLE

Billy and Hazel Mann
Those clever singing, talking and dancing artists appear to day. They were roundly applauded last night and seemed to please our audience immensely. Every lady attending the show tonight will receive a souvenir picture of Maurice Costello.
Matinee daily at 3:45. 2 shows at night, first starts at 8:00 o'clock, 2d immediately after close of first.

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