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LARGE FORESTS SWEEP BY FIRE IN EASTERN N. C.

FLAMES RAGING UNCONTROLLED IN ONE SECTION AND LOSS ENORMOUS

BURNED TO DEATH

One Farmer Dies in Public Road

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., April 15.—Millions of feet of standing timber have been destroyed and other property burned in forest fires ranging at widely separated points in eastern North Carolina, according to reports reaching here tonight. One man is known to have lost his life. In Beaver Dam and Cedar Creek townships, Cumberland county, the fire is raging uncontrolled tonight. Daniel Carter, a farmer, was burned to death on a public road.

A report from Rocky Mount says the most serious fire ever known in that section is burning. St. James church, a historic landmark in Beaufort county, was destroyed. The town of Bayboro was menaced several hours last night.

Reports from Norfolk say the fires are raging in Nansemond and Dinwiddie counties of Virginia.

THE POLITICS OF GREENVILLE ARE GETTING "WARM"

Former Sheriff of That County Discusses Situation While in the City.

"Politics are warming up in Greenville county, and promise to get much warmer before the campaign is over," said Mr. J. D. Gilreath, former sheriff of that county, who spent yesterday in the city on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Julian Chikskales. Mr. Gilreath talked interestingly of political conditions in Greenville county and throughout the state. He is probably more cognizant with the political situation in Greenville county than any other man living there. Mr. Gilreath said he would not be a candidate for sheriff this time. He is busily engaged in farming just now, and, incidentally, is making quite a success of it. He would not predict how the sheriff's race is to come out in Greenville county, but did state that "things are getting warm in that race."

Sheriff Hendrix Rector is the incumbent, and has served four years. He has announced for re-election, and will be opposed by some four or five others.

Mr. Gilreath is well known in Anderson county and has many friends in the city. During his long term of office as sheriff of Greenville county he established a state-wide reputation as an officer of marked ability. He probably did more than any other man to break up "moonshining" in the "Dark Corner" of that county.

Famous Witness Dead.

Atlanta, April 15.—John R. Black, the Atlanta detective who made himself famous in the trial of Leo M. Frank by admitting under cross-examination by Attorney Luther Rosser that he "was all mixed up and didn't know where he was at," died yesterday of Bright's disease.

SEAMEN DEMAND AN INCREASE OF WAGES ACCOUNT "WAR RISK"

Delay of Liner Mongolia May Be Forerunner of a General Strike—Truce Effected By Some of Demands Being Granted.

New York, April 15.—Action which may be the forerunner of a general strike among seamen on ocean-going steamships resulted today in the American liner Mongolia being delayed several hours in sailing and the New York and Porto Rico liner Brazos being forced to anchor down the bay after leaving her pier. When the Mongolia finally sailed it was explained that a "truce" was effected and

GUARDSMEN TO SWEAR TO OBEY THE PRESIDENT

PROVISION ADDED BY SENATE AS AMENDMENT TO ARMY BILL

OFFICERS SCORED

Borah Says Heads of National Guard Have "Embezzled" Some of Funds.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 15.—Two provisions to strengthen the federal status of the National Guard were adopted in the form of amendments to the senate army bill today. One provided that all officers above the rank of captain be paid five hundred dollars annually. The other requires all guardsmen on enlistment to take an oath to obey orders of the president as well as the governor of states.

Senator Borah attacked the guard officers and their use of federal funds. He declared the eight million dollars available annually for the use of the guard under the Dick militia law had been "shamefully" utilized by officers to the exclusion of enlisted men and some of it absolutely "embezzled." Reed, Pomorne, and others defended the guard. Reed introduced an amendment to provide schools to train young men as reserve officers for the army and navy.

NEVER HAD DOCTOR, TAKES NO MEDICINE, AND IS HALE AND HEARTY AT AGE OF 103

Atlanta, April 15.—Though 103 years old, "Uncle William" Claxton, of Claiborne county, Tenn., can walk ten miles a day with little fatigue, declares an Atlanta man who has just returned from a visit to that section of state. The aged man has never worn a coat in summer or winter, and during his entire life has neither called a physician nor taken any medicine.

"Uncle William" resides with his son, Albert Claxton, who is now sixty-eight years of age, at their home on Straight Creek, about six miles west of New Taxwell. The older man was born and reared in Claiborne county, and has resided there throughout his life though at present he is enjoying a visit to relatives in Virginia.

Though almost deaf, this active centenarian thoroughly enjoys a conversation with any of his various friends or acquaintances when it is possible for him to understand.

PAPERWEIGHT REVEALS

Atlanta, April 15.—Alfred C. Newell, an Atlanta man, is the proud possessor of a rusty twenty-pound paperweight, with a history. The office ornament is a three-inch shell, about twelve inches long and conical shaped. It was left buried ten feet under ground at the Chattanooga river on the Mayson and Turner road by General Sherman, and was dug up a day or two ago by a laborer for a local engineering firm, who were constructing new approaches to the county bridge. It was presented to Mr. Newell.

The shell is similar to the shrapnel used in the European war except that it has no fuming mechanism at the tip. A similar shell dug up several years ago on the Atlanta battlefield exploded and killed a boy, who was chopping it open with an axe.

New Ambassador to Chili



J. H. Shea.

J. H. Shea, new ambassador to Chili, who was nominated by President Wilson on the recommendation of the late Senator Shively of Indiana, is now in Washington receiving his instructions from the state department. He had just completed his term as justice of the Appellate court of Indiana when he was named. He is fifty-three years old and a bachelor.

SPECULATION AS TO "BIG FOUR" MEMBERS

Delegates to National Convention Be Named at Columbia Meet

Democrats.

(Special to The Intelligencer.)

Columbia, April 15.—There is much speculation as to who will be named as the "big four" to the national Democratic convention in St. Louis. The State Democratic convention meets in Columbia on May 17 to elect delegates to the national convention to be held, beginning on June 14.

The club meetings will be held late in April to elect delegates to the county conventions. The county conventions will name delegates to the state convention.

It is very probable that the South Carolina delegation will go to St. Louis instructed for the renomination of Woodrow Wilson.

U. S. HAS NEW SUB WORRIES

Official Word of Two More Disasters With Americans Aboard Received.

Washington, April 15.—While the United States was amassing evidence that Germany has violated solemn pledges to the United States in submarine warfare, official word of two more shipping disasters, with Americans aboard the ship, were received here today. Consular dispatches indicated that the steamer Margam Abbey and Bark Inverlyon were both attacked by submarines. These cases will probably be used in the American indictment against German methods.

OVER 3 THOUSAND HAVE ENLISTED IN PAST THIRTY DAYS

Washington, April 15.—Three thousand, nine hundred and twenty-seven have been enlisted by the army out of sixteen thousand, eight hundred and seventeen applicants in the last thirty days the war department has announced. San Francisco led with Chicago second and New York third.

GOVERNOR MANNING TO SLEEP WITH VETERANS IN TENT AT ROCK HILL

(Special to The Intelligencer.)
Columbia, April 15.—Governor Manning and the members of his military staff are preparing to attend the annual reunion of South Carolina Confederate veterans to be held this year at Rock Hill, April 25 and 26. The governor will sleep in a tent with the veterans.

CHASE OF VILLA TO CONTINUE

U. S. ONLY WILLING TO FIX LIMIT ON MARCH OF AMERICANS

WILL WITHDRAW TROOPS SOON AS BAND SCATTERED

Official Report Says Two Americans and Forty Mexicans Killed in Recent Fight at Parral.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 15.—The United States is willing to agree to fix a limit on the distance American troops shall proceed into Mexico and make the limit not much further south than the troops have already advanced. The government also will give assurances that Americans will be withdrawn within a "reasonable time" or soon as it is definitely established that Villa has reached a point where he can be handled by the Carranza forces better than before. President Wilson decided today to inform Carranza that the United States will not negotiate for an agreement along these lines. This is said to have been agreed on at yesterday's cabinet meeting. Meanwhile, the pursuit of Villa will continue.

General Funston sent one dispatch today saying he had not heard from General Pershing for three days, adding that he is trying to get an authentic report of the Parral incident.

FIRST OFFICIAL REPORT SAYS 2 AMERICANS AND FORTY MEXICANS KILLED

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 15.—The first official report of the clash Wednesday at Parral, reaching the war department from General Funston late tonight said two Americans and forty Mexicans were killed. Secretary Baker announced General Funston's quoted telegram from General Pershing that the latter had just received information of the unprovoked attack on Americans who entered Parral to buy supplies. General Pershing also reported he had given information to Carranza's general, Herrera, as to the location, direction and general destination of American troops pursuing Villa. He sent an aeroplane for the Parral particulars.

MACHINE GUN CORPS OF THIRTY MEN ORDERED TO PROCEED TO CALEXICO

(By Associated Press.)

San Francisco, April 15.—Major General Bell, commander of the western department of the army, today ordered a machine gun corps and thirty men, of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry stationed at Valcovier, Washington, to proceed to Calexico, California, on the Mexican border. No change in the Mexican situation was responsible for the dispatch of the machine gun corps, it was said at army headquarters. A battalion of the Twenty-first is now at Calexico.

MEXICO CITY IS PLEASED WITH PAPERS STATEMENT THAT TROOPS BE REMOVED

(By Associated Press.)
Mexico, City, April 15.—The statement published here in Mexican papers today that the United States has announced its intention of withdrawing troops pursuing Villa. General satisfaction was expressed at this, but Carranza and his cabinet said they would wait for word from Washington.

TAKING SNAKES BY THE TAIL, WOMAN DROPS 13 OF THEM INTO A JAR

Atlanta, April 15.—Circus snake charmers and ragged Hindus of the Orient who handle the deadly Cobra with as much pleasure as an old maid handles her Tabby cat are backed off the board by Mrs. W. T. Monk of Atlanta who captured thirteen highland moccasins yesterday and put them in a glass jar with the avowed intention of training them for household pets.

Countess a Suicide



Mrs. Joseph E. Howard.

Formerly Countess de Beaufort. Mrs. Joseph E. Howard, daughter of M. H. Kligallen, a millionaire of Chicago, and formerly the Countess de Beaufort, shot herself to death in an Omaha hotel the other day because she was jealous of her husband. He was an actor on the Orpheum circuit.

ANOTHER NEW COUNTY FIGHT IN PROGRESS

Commission to Probe Matter of County With Rock Hill as the Seat.

(Special to The Intelligencer.)

Columbia, April 15.—Another new county fight is in progress in South Carolina. Governor Manning has announced that he will appoint a commission to investigate the matter of forming a new county out of parts of York, Chester and Fairfield counties with Rock Hill as the county seat.

That the commission be appointed was the only contention of the new county advocates. They realize that the new unit can not be formed until the lapsed county act of the 1912 general assembly is declared unconstitutional by the supreme court. It is said that they will not ask the governor to order an election until the "shoe-string" county act has been declared illegal.

The new county would be about 55 miles long and four miles wide at the narrowest point.

SOUTHERN SHOWS PREPAREDNESS TO SERVE UNCLE SAM

Eleventh Cavalry Moved to Mexican Border With Greatest Despatch.

Preparedness on the part of Southern railway to serve the government should this country be involved in a state of war was shown in the movement of the Eleventh Cavalry in seven special trains from Fort Oglethorpe, Chattanooga, to the Mexican border, declares the Southern News Bulletin in its current issue.

Orders for the movement were received at 2 o'clock in the morning and by breakfast time a sufficient number of cars had been assembled at the fort for loading the heavy equipment and by four o'clock in the afternoon the first section was made up and ready to depart. The trains were operated on fast schedule, making only stops necessary for feeding and watering the horses, and covered the distance of 1,463 miles to El Paso in about sixty-nine hours, or sixty hours actual running time, which was several hours less than the time the government had allowed.

It required a total of 122 cars to make up the trains, twenty-seven of these being tourist sleeping cars, fifty-two stock cars, and the remainder being baggage, flat and freight cars. The railway could assemble this large amount of high class equipment upon short notice without robbing equipment from its regular trains, the Bulletin points out, indicates the Southern's preparedness to handle emergency calls from the government should any grave situation arise making necessary the quick transportation of large bodies of troops from one point to another.

FRENCH LAUNCH FIERCE COUNTER ATTACK ON HILL

MANY REPORTED KILLED IN BAYONET FIGHTING NEAR THE FORTRESS

PARIS IS SILENT

French Capital Has Nothing to Say of Disastrous Battle Near Dead Man's Hill.

London, April 15.—The French launched a vigorous counter-attack in the region of Dead Man's Hill, according to Berlin. The attack, following violent artillery preparation, was directed against the German positions south of Corbeaux and Cumieres Wood and on Dead Man's Hill. The Germans admit the French penetrated the Teuton position on Dead Man's Hill, but claim many attackers were killed in bayonet fighting. Paris is silent on this battle.

Russian and Austrians are engaged on the lower Stripa and Dnester rivers, Galicia and northwest Czernowitz, Bukowina. The Austrians stormed Italian positions at Mralivrh, and claim to have beaten back several Italian counter-attacks. The Austrians admit they evacuated their positions south of Suprone.

The British steamer Shenandoah and the German Hispania were sunk by mines. The Danish schooner Frowen was sunk by a submarine and the Danish steamer Kasan was captured by a German submarine.

COLOR FAMINE LIKELY TO CAUSE CAMPAIGN FOR ONLY WHITE APPAREL

Atlanta, April 15.—Dry goods merchants in Atlanta and throughout the southern states may soon start a campaign in the interest of white wearing apparel. Mildly will have to forego dyed fabrics. The color famine, according to reports received here, has reached alarming proportions.

It now appears that despite the best efforts of the American dyestuffs industry, persons generally will have to get along with less color in wearing apparel effects, while an additional deprivation to be encountered probably within a few weeks will be the circumstance that retail stores will no longer be in a position to warrant many fabrics as dyed with lasting colors.

In short, as pointed out yesterday by wholesale and retail dry goods men, the embargo on German dyestuffs as a result of the European war has at last reached the point where the ultimate consumed will be called upon to exercise patience, and an unusual degree with his tradesman when it comes to purchasing all sorts of wearing apparel, house furnishings and all articles of every day use in into which color enters.

Hats now being shown in Atlanta for the coming season are reflecting the color scarcity and are made in light shades, particularly grays and natural mixtures of furs requiring no dyes. Soft hats which can be made in the lighter and natural colorings will, say Atlanta dealers, supplant very largely the derby hat, for which dyes are necessary.

The ramifications of the dyestuffs shortage will probably be felt in the laundries, as Atlanta laundriesmen have received advices urging them to exert pressure on customers to make as wide use as possible of white goods the next few months.

INSURANCE LAW UP MONDAY IN SUPREME COURT

STATE'S HIGHEST TRIBUNAL WILL PASS ON LANEY-ODGM ACT

INTEREST IS KEEN

South Carolina Anxiously Awaiting Outcome of Test of Anti-Compact Statute.

(Special to The Intelligencer.)

Columbia, April 15.—Monday the South Carolina supreme court will be asked to decide on the constitutionality of the Laney-Odgm act, which is popularly known as the anti-compact measure. This is the act that caused practically all of the fire insurance companies to withdraw from the state. Injunction proceedings have been begun against the insurance commissioner and the attorney general to prevent them from enforcing the terms of the act.

There is much concern in the state as to the outcome of the fire insurance situation. Reports from several counties would indicate that many policies are being cancelled and that it is possible to secure insurance only on the best risks.

There is much talk of an extra session of the general assembly, although it is not believed that the lawmakers would repeal the act. It is freely predicted that an extra session would mean the entrance of South Carolina into the fire insurance business.

MR. H. MAHAFFEY IS DEAD AT HOME IN WILLIAMSTON

Well Known and Highly Respected Man of That Place Passes at 89.

(Special to The Intelligencer.)

Williamston, April 15.—Mr. Hugh Mahaffey, 89 years old, a well known and highly respected farmer of this place, living on Main street on the outskirts of the town, died this afternoon at 2:40 o'clock following a short illness. Mr. Mahaffey was remarkably hale and hearty for one of his age until a few months ago, when he began to fail.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at Cedar Grove church, the Rev. Mr. McCuen officiating. Seven children survive Mr. Mahaffey besides his wife.

SOME NEWSPAPERS HARD HIT AND MAY ADVANCE PRICE OF SUBSCRIPTION

Atlanta, April 15.—How would you like to pay fifteen cents a week for your newspaper, instead of ten or twelve cents that you are paying now? Such a thing is a distinct possibility if the price of paper, metal, ink and the other commodities the newspapers use continue to advance as they have in the last few days. The Atlanta newspapers as well as all other newspapers in Georgia and over the southern states will have to pay from one to three thousand dollars more for the white paper they use to print their editions this year than last, if they are able to get all the paper they need. Every publication has been hit by the skyrocket of prices.

WITHOUT AUTHORITY TO CHANGE LOCATION OF A FEDERAL BANK

Attorney General Gregory Gives Opinion at Request Reserve Board—Block Transfer of Bank From Richmond District to Baltimore.

Washington, April 15.—Attorney General Gregory today held that the federal reserve board has no authority to change the location of a federal reserve bank. His opinion, submitted at the request of the board, is that there is nothing in the law to prevent the reduction of the capital of reserve banks by a transfer from member banks from one district to another.

The banks capital are fixed at four million dollars on organization. The opinion stops the efforts of Baltimore bankers to have the board transfer a reserve bank in its district from Richmond to Baltimore. A similar effort was made on behalf of Pittsburgh in the case of the Cleveland bank. This Attorney General is understood to hold that inasmuch as the law provides that charters issued to existing reserve banks shall run twenty years the bank's location is not to be changed without the forfeiture of its charter.