

MEXICO CITY OCCUPIED

Rebels in Control and Carranza and Party Have Fled

Washington, May 9.—Coincident with confirmation tonight in official dispatches of the capture of Mexico City by revolutionists, the Navy Department announced that the destroyer flotilla had been ordered from Key West to Tampico, also in rebel hands. No disorder was reported either in Mexico City or Tampico and in both places assurances were given of protection to foreigners.

The embassy message made no mention of President Carranza. Other reports to the department said he had left the capital with a group of adherents, presumably for Vera Cruz, but gave no information as to his present whereabouts.

While all reports agreed that the seizure of the capital and Tampico had been without opposition and that order had been maintained, the presence at Tampico of at least one Mexican gunboat, it was said tonight, might have prompted the sending of destroyers to that point. No official reason for their movement was assigned either by the navy or the State department. According to the State department's advices, Gen. Orozco, Carranza's commander at Tampico, took refuge on the gunboat Jalisco when the rebels entered the city.

State department reports of messages to rebel agents here told of the occupation of several other towns, prompt assurance being given by the revolutionists in several cases that protection would be given Americans and other foreigners.

Will Be Glad To Have You

The following special from Hagood appeared in the Columbia State of Thursday morning and will be read with interest in this county:

Having voted more than two to one against the Sumter county bond issue for 121 miles of hard surface roads at a cost of \$2,500,000 and thinking that they will not get their share of the benefits of the road, some of the people here have started a movement to annex it if it can be done, the Rafferty Creek school district, of which this place is a part, to Kershaw county, which now touches this district on the entire north side.

"At a meeting this morning it was decided to get the attorney general's opinion and the law on the subject, and if favorable then to take up the proposed annexation with the Kershaw county officials."

Death of Mrs. Ray.

Mrs. Alice Ray, aged sixty seven, died in the Wateree Mill Village on April the 30th. The funeral took place at her home, and was conducted by Rev. S. B. Hatfield, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Quaker cemetery. She leaves a host of friends and relatives and the following children to mourn her loss: J. H. Ray of Cassatt, R. H. Ray of Camden, Mrs. M. L. Frier of Gilbert, Mrs. J. M. Anderson of Cassatt, Mrs. Cleave Davis of Bethune, Miss Minnie Ray of Camden.

TWO MEN KILLED

One Car Attempted to Pass Another and Went in Ditch

Spartanburg, May 12.—In an automobile wreck on the National Highway, in Greenville County, within a mile of Oblek Springs, this afternoon between cars carrying Spartanburg fans to the baseball game in Greenville, two Spartanburg men were killed, one injured fatally. It is said, and four others slightly hurt.

George H. Finch, Jr., nineteen years of age, was killed instantly. He was an employee of the Postal Telegraph Company here for a number of years and has recently been in business with his father, a local merchant. Sergt. John B. White died tonight at 10 o'clock, and Arthur Hill is not expected to recover from his injuries.

The latter two sustained fractured skulls, and Mr. Hill is now a patient at Chick Springs Hospital. Sergt. White had the distinction of being the most wounded man in the American expeditionary forces in France, being wounded sixty-two times. His wound stripes were conferred upon him by Gen. Pershing.

Those reported slightly injured are W. H. Blackwell, W. A. Patislo electrician with the Southern Railway; Albert Abbott and Grover Scruggs. The cars were being driven by Arthur Brogg and T. G. Stokes, and neither was injured. Accounts received here are to the effect that one car was attempting to pass the other and both went into a ditch.

Mrs. Smith Dead.
Mrs. Sallie Smith, aged about 80 years, died at her home in the West Wateree section last Thursday night, and the funeral and burial occurred at Ebenezer Church Friday evening. She was the mother of Messrs. Joseph and Jack Smith, and Mrs. J. J. Bell, of West Wateree, and Mrs. W. C. Williams of Summertown.

SWEET POTATOES

Sell, Fertilizer, Setting and Cultivation Suggestions by Clemson.

There are few crops so well adapted to South Carolina conditions as the sweet potato. This crop offers to the growers every advantage for successful growth that is offered by other field or truck crops. Soil selection, preparation, fertilizing, careful fitting and planting, and cultivating are the essentials of success in the growing of sweet potatoes, says Geo. P. Hoffmann, Extension Service horticulturist.

The sweet potato adapts itself to a great diversity of soil, but it delights in and thrives best on a well drained sandy or clay loam soil with a clay subsoil. But regardless of the apparent ideal physical condition of the soil, this crop must be rotated each year. Sweet potatoes may follow corn, cotton, small grain, and leguminous cover crops. They may easily and effectively be worked into any well balanced three-year rotation.

The soil may be thoroughly and deeply prepared by turning twice to a depth of 6 to 8 inches followed by cross discing. Crooked and irregular rows result from shallow preparation of the soil. Therefore, deep and thorough preparation is very essential in growing marketable potatoes.

Both barnyard and commercial fertilizers are recommended, but the former must be judiciously used. Under the present shortage of potash, that element of plant food most needed in excess, liberal applications of barnyard manure will be very effective both in supplementing this shortage, and in correcting the physical condition of the very heavy clayey soils. The fertility and physical condition of the soil should determine the extent of the applications, which should not be in excess of the needs. Ordinarily both commercial and barnyard manures are applied in the drill when the soil is being fitted for setting the plants, and later as a side dresser.

For the average clay soils that will produce a bale of cotton to the acre, 400 to 600 pounds of an 8-3-3 fertilizer is recommended. For the sandy soils producing a bale of cotton per acre, 100 to 200 pounds of an 8-3-0 fertilizer is recommended.

Preparatory to setting the plants, which should be from May 1st to July 15th, lay off rows 3 to 3 1/2 feet apart and apply the barnyard manure (8-10 tons per acre) or commercial fertilizer made of two-thirds 16 per cent acid and one-third cotton seed meal applied in the drill, and thoroughly mix with the soil. Planting beds of medium height, depending upon drainage, should be thrown up and dragged down, and the plants or vine-cuttings set 12 to 18 inches apart. To correct the packed condition of the soil brought about through the transplanting process, the water furrows should be narrowed or otherwise cultivated immediately following the setting of the plants.

For late plantings, the one-leaf, 8 to 10-inch vine cuttings are more desirable than are the slips or "draws," especially for the growing of seed stock.

Nancy Hall, Porto Rico and Triumph are the leading and most popular varieties grown in this State. Triumph is one of the earliest varieties, and should be planted when potatoes are grown for early market.

Frequent shallow cultivation should be practiced until the vines have covered the ground, during which period the greatest care must be used in turning the vines. At the first cultivation, which consists of a careful hoeing and siding with a broad furrow, a side dressing of one-third cotton seed meal and two-thirds 16 per cent acid phosphate should be applied, 400 to 500 pounds per acre, and thoroughly mixed with the soil. The Orangeburg sweep or heel hoe and shovel is very effective in cultivating this crop.

Special Convention W. O. W.

Live Oak Camp, No. 49, W. O. W., will have a special convention Friday night, May 21st. Business of importance will be brought up at this meeting for disposition, and it is especially desired that there be a full attendance of the members. Ice cream and cake will be served.

J. G. McCaskill, C. C.
M. G. Huckleken, Clerk.

Camden Commandery to Receive Charter.

Camden Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar, will be constituted by the Grand Commandery of South Carolina, Thursday Evening, May, 20th, 1920, at seven o'clock. The Knights will assemble at the Masonic Temple, in full uniform, and march to the Baptist Church, here the services will be held. The public is cordially invited to attend.

BLIND TIGERS FALL OUT

And Police Make Several Arrests Capturing Quantity of Booze

Following close upon the arrest of the three Savannah negroes and the capture of thirty-five gallons of liquor and a Cadillac car last week, James McGirt, the old offender, was arrested late Saturday night and placed in jail charged with transporting liquor. McGirt had been out to the midnight Seaboard passenger and officer D. T. Blackmon was there too. The officer followed the negro and halted his car near the postoffice. McGirt jumped out and ran but was caught after he had thrown several pints of the booze to the ground. Several bottles were captured on him however, and his car was taken in charge by the police. McGirt was placed in jail but was released this week upon the payment of a cash bond of \$300. He has been before the courts on this charge at nearly every term, but always manages to evade a sentence. He has a suspended sentence of two years hanging over him now and will doubtless serve his time on the gang for this last offense.

Bill Kelly, another old offender, was caught at his home near the Seaboard freight depot Monday by Constable Stokes and Chief Whitaker and the officers seized ten gallons from Kelly.

The activity of the officers is making it unprofitable for the tigers as the loss of their cars is quite a heavy blow. We learn that the route among them started when McGirt "squealed" on the Savannah crowd, and some one in town "squealed" on McGirt, so the police are now having their inning.

The Chronicle is carrying an advertisement in another place of this paper today giving notice of the sale of the confiscated cars to take place on the first Monday in June. They will go to the highest bidder for cash.

Southern Bridge Burned.

The Southern Railway's splendid bridge over the Catawba river between Gastonia and Charlotte, completed two years ago at a cost of about \$500,000, was partially destroyed last Sunday by fire that is supposed to have originated from burning coal dropping from a passing locomotive. The fire was first discovered at about 2:30 p.m., by some people who were crossing the highway bridge a short distance below an automobile. The automobilists gave the alarm as soon as they could; but it was full fifteen minutes before help began to arrive and in the meantime the fire had progressed to a point where crossing by a train was out of the question, the damage is very considerable. Through trains between Charlotte and Atlanta were detoured by Columbia during Sunday, yesterday and today; but officials announced yesterday that they hoped to have one of the tracks across the bridge open for traffic by tomorrow.—Tuesday's York Enquirer.

MACON WOMAN MURDERED

Was Formerly Miss Bacot, of Society Hill, in This State.

Macon, May 10.—With six knife wounds in her left arm and six similar wounds in her neck, the body of Mrs. W. M. Bairman, 60, widow of a former assistant editor of The Macon Telegraph, was found near a well traveled country road, three and a half miles from Macon, this morning.

A coroner's jury investigating the case this afternoon held that she came to her death at the hands of an unknown assailant and that the same is murder. Sheriff Hicks believes that the woman was slain by a negro.

The entire sheriff's force of deputies is at work on the case. Rewards have been offered for information that may lead to the capture of the guilty person. Numerous raids have been made during the day and again tonight of negro quarters in various parts of the city in an effort to find some trace of the guilty person. Feeling is running high.

Mrs. Bairman's husband came from Lancaster, Pa., settling in Savannah, when 20 years of age. He had continued his residence in Georgia until his death seven years ago. Mrs. Bairman was Miss Annie Cleland Simons Bacot, of Society Hill, S. C., before her marriage in Savannah in April, 1896.

Mrs. Bairman had been in the habit of taking an eight mile walk every day and she always chose the road leading to Holton, on which she met her death. She left her home, downtown, Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, after attending service at Christ Episcopal church. Falling to return at sundown the family conducted an all-night search in vain. Scores of persons joined in the search today and the body was found just off the main road near the waterworks pumping station.

GEORGE VANDERBILT'S DREAM

Vanishes With the Sale of the Model Town of Biltmore.

Kansas City Star.
The model town of Biltmore, N. C., built by the late George W. Vanderbilt in connection with his magnificent country estate near Asheville, has been sold to the Southern Railway and two individual purchasers. On the site chosen by Mr. Vanderbilt for an adventure by Utopia, the railway company will build a two million dollar passenger station. So crumble the dreams of men.

How vast a scheme Vanderbilt conceived for developing his North Carolina estate, no one will ever know. From 1892 until his death in 1914, he made it his life's work to block together 120,000 acres of mountain land, grub out the forests, plant trees, pipe water, build roads and level off a mountain peak for his palatial home, Biltmore house. The project cost him more than ten million dollars.

Two years after his death his widow transferred to the government fifty thousand acres of the estate for a national forest reserve. Now the model town of Biltmore is sold, and the millionaire's plan of rural empire begins to disintegrate. Did Vanderbilt dream a fool's paradise on those North Carolina hills? He is dead; the dream is dust and ashes.

On a rainy day thirty years ago, Vanderbilt's private car was on a side track at Asheville waiting to take the young millionaire back to New York. After a short stay he had become disgusted with the weather, the skyline, the hotel, with everything. He was to leave on the morrow. During the night the skies cleared and the next morning young Vanderbilt, rising early, watched a North Carolina sunrise.

Standing on the piazza of the Battery Park hotel he looked away to the north and saw the peak of the Roan mountain in Tennessee, sixty miles away. Southward was the grim outline of Ceasar's Head, a mountain in South Carolina, fifty miles away. To the southwest, dim in that blue haze which gives to this mountain its name, was the Georgia line, ninety miles away. To the east, standing bare and bleak, and reflecting the sun's rays from its snow-crowned summit, was Mount Mitchell, the highest peak of the Rocky Mountains.

Remodeled a Mountain.
George Vanderbilt looked again and watched the sun come up over the peaks of the Blue Ridge mountains until it seemed to set the whole dome of the sky on fire, coloring every cloud to a bright copper hue and kindling the heavens with long shafts of golden light. His bewildered eyes took in this brilliant scene, and when he had his fill of it, he cancelled the order for his private car and began to look around for a home site.

He first came upon the estate of a wealthy Southerner and offered to buy it. The Southerner refused all offers. Then Vanderbilt searched the countryside until he found the site he wanted and began to negotiate for the land. Some he got for five hundred dollars an acre; other tracts cost him much more, for, when it was learned that a Vanderbilt was buying prices went sky high.

In the center of his holdings was a high mountain. The peak of this earth-typic was not intended to hold the kind of building George wanted. So he set about correcting the error of Nature. He sliced off the top and added the earth and rock of the removed portions to that which was left, making a broad plateau. On this plateau he built Biltmore house.

And what a "house" it was! To say that it cost more than two million dollars and contained ninety rooms, gives only a sketchy outline of it. It was—and is—the finest country mansion in all America, a paradise in the mountains, a "Chateau of the Skylarks." It stands upon an esplanade 700x300 feet, bound retaining walls of solid masonry and crowned by a coping of finely dressed stone. The outside walls of the palace are 375x192 feet. In architecture it suggests some of the famous chateaux of the Loire; yet it is no lavish copy. It has an individuality, a personality all its own. It is considered by many to be the crowning work of Richard M. Hunt, one of America's foremost architects.

\$25.00 For A Name.
Messrs. W. R. DeLoach and L. A. Kirtland are offering \$25 for best and most appropriate name for Camden's New Hotel. Mail all suggestions to The Camden Hotel Co., and sign your name. The board of directors of the Hotel Company will decide the contest.

MEET NEXT AT CAMDEN

Confederate Reunion Closed at Sumter Last Thursday.

The 1920 Reunion of the Confederate Veterans of South Carolina came to an end with the reception and dance in the Peoples' Tobacco Warehouse last night, which was attended by the veterans and approximately two thousand Sumter people. The dance was opened with the grand march which was led by Gen. Clark and Miss Henrietta Boykin, the sponsor of the division.

A large number of the veterans participated in the dance and appeared to derive as much pleasure from it as any of the younger folks. This morning the veterans departed for their homes with the God speed of their hosts who had thoroughly enjoyed the honor and privilege of entertaining them.

At the afternoon session the election of officers was held. Gen. Clark declined re-election, but as a token of esteem he was elected honorary commander for life of the South Carolina Division.

Gen. A. C. Reed, of Anderson, hitherto commander of the Second Brigade, was elected, without opposition, commander of the South Carolina Division. His place was filled by the election of Col. P. A. McDavid, of Greenville. Col. W. H. Cely was nominated but declined to run. Gen. J. Fuller Lyon, of Columbia, was unanimously re-elected to succeed himself as commander of the First Brigade.

The committee elected to serve with Col. W. D. McLaurin, state pension commissioner, was First District, Gen. C. I. Walker; second, J. E. Murray; third, W. Y. Fair; fourth, G. M. Hanna; fifth, James W. Lykes; sixth, J. D. Montgomery; seventh, Gen. W. A. Clark.

The cordial invitation from Camden for the 1921 reunion to be held in that city was unanimously accepted, amidst much enthusiasm.—Friday's Sumter Item.

NEW RACE OF MEN

Giant Cannibals Clash With Exploring Party

New York, May 11.—The exploring party, headed by Dr. Alexander Hamilton Rice, which clashed last February near the banks of the Orinoco with giant cannibals, returned here today from Para on the steamer Alban.

Arriving with Dr. Rice were Mrs. Rice, formerly Mrs. George D. Widener, of Philadelphia, who accompanied her husband on some of his South American explorations; Chester H. Ober, geographer of the expedition; A. W. Swanson, J. E. Mason and Dr. G. E. Byers.

While exploring an unnamed tributary of the Orinoco, Dr. Rice's party was attacked by wild Indians. The discharge of firearms failed to scare off these savages who were described as being large and very fierce.

The explorers only escaped, it was said, by firing into the savages killing either two or three. The party, on the advice of the guides then turned back. Mrs. Rice was not with her husband on this particular occasion.

"The cannibals who attacked the party were almost white in color, Professor Rice said. "In all my years in the tropical jungles I have never seen such ferocious looking savages. Nearly all were armed with bows and arrows and carried spears and blow guns. These men were more than six feet tall and I recognized them as cannibals of the Guaribos tribe, a mountain legion considered the most ferocious of all the savages in either Venezuela, Colombia or Brazil."

The professor declared he believed it was the first time that the cannibals were met by white men since 1763 when a Spanish exploring expedition discovered them. Twenty minutes after the Rice party met the savages, he added everything was packed up and the return trip to Esmeralda begun.

Camden Gets State Aid

State aid to 132 high schools in 46 counties has been sent to the several county treasurers. Payment was made in the sum of \$175,000. Of this above amount Camden gets the sum of \$1,599.

Had His Arm Broken.

Mr. A. F. Briggs, superintendent of the Heritage Cotton Mills, had the misfortune to get his arm broken Wednesday evening. He was cranking up a Ford car preparatory to leaving the Chautauqua tent when the accident happened. He was carried to the Camden hospital where the injured member was dressed, and later taken to his home in the mill village.

MR. JOHN B. ARRANTS DEAD

Old Citizen of Camden Passed Away in Columbia Hospital.

Mr. John B. Arrants, a life long resident of Camden died Wednesday in a Columbia hospital and his remains were brought here yesterday afternoon for interment.

Mr. Arrants was about 78 years of age and had been in declining health for a number of years. Several weeks ago he suffered a broken arm and a severe shakeup as the result of an automobile accident and owing to his advanced age he never fully recovered. He had many friends in Camden and has a large family connection. He was a brave Confederate soldier, entering and serving throughout the war as a member of Company C, 6th South Carolina Volunteers, and was wounded in an engagement.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Edna Sayers, of Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. Little Roberts, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Job Shiver, of Charleston.

BAD AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

John Bracey Suffers Loss of One Arm and Otherwise Injured

John Bracey, a well-known colored man who for several years has been a driver on the ice wagon of the Camden Ice Co., suffered the loss of one of his arms in a bad auto smash Sunday afternoon. He also suffered other severe injuries and it is said has only partially regained consciousness since the accident.

He and his wife were riding in a car driven by Baum Perry, and were on the rear seat. Perry and Baxter Gary were driving at a fast rate, Gary being in another car, when the car driven by Perry crashed into a telephone pole. None of the other occupants of the car were injured except Bracey's wife, who also suffered a broken arm. Bracey is a worthy and reliable colored man and much sympathy is expressed for him in his trouble. He seems to have been a victim of the reckless acts of another.

GUERNSEY SALE SUCCESS

Twenty-one Cows Sold at Average Price of \$454.10

Clemson College, May 9.—The dairy industry in South Carolina has received another boost through the Millwood Guernsey sale held by Cooper & Elliott, Wabuckey, S. C., at the Chester County fair grounds on Wednesday, May 5. Twenty-one Guernsey cows were sold at an average of \$454.10, the highest average ever received at a sale of dairy cows in this State.

The top price paid in the sale was for Ivade Mae of Mara Alta, who was purchased by Mr. Paul Harden, of Chester, for \$680. In addition to the twenty-one cows a special feature of the occasion was the sale of a three day-old heifer calf for \$135 to Mr. E. L. Stevenson, of Winnsboro, S. C.

The sale was widely advertised and attracted buyers from various parts of this State and several adjoining States, but it is gratifying to know that sixteen of the twenty-one animals sold were bought by South Carolina purchasers, many of them from Chester County. This means that Chester County and South Carolina farmers know the value of good dairy cattle and are willing to pay good prices for good breeding stock. Extension Service Dairy Husbandman P. J. LaMaster who gave assistance and advice in connection with the sale, is very much gratified at the outcome, and says that it is further proof of rapid development in South Carolina.

JOE TURNER TO DIE IN CHAIR

Lynchburg, Va., May 6.—John Williams, alias Joe Turner, alias Slim, the negro who is also wanted in Greenville, S. C., for the murder of two policemen last year, will be electrocuted at Richmond, July 7, for the murder of Police Detective L. A. Mann here March 25. That was the judgement of Judge Frank P. Christian in the corporation court today, the court having heard the case yesterday under the plea of guilty and waiver of the jury. The negro was expecting lighter judgement but showed no emotion when the court pronounced his doom. Sentence was immediately pronounced and the negro will be removed at once to Richmond. Police Detectives Mann and E. C. Williams in the attempt to arrest Williams in the heart of the city for carrying a concealed weapon and as a suspect for the Greenville murders, but he managed to break away and shoot Mann in the head and E. C. Wheeler in the back. Mann died the next morning but Wheeler has recovered.