

BANDITS KILL SIX AMERICANS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RECEIVE REPORTS OF WHOLESOME SLAUGHTER.

El Paso, Texas, November 18:—From a Chinese refugee from Parral United States Government agents here today received a report that all of the foreigners remaining in Parral, exclusive of the five known to have left for Culican and thought to have arrived there, had been killed by the Villa bandits.

The Chinese refugee said that those killed included the German, American, Hebrew, French and Arab residents of the mining camps. He also said a brother-in-law of Theodore Hoemuler at Jiminez had received confirmation of the killing of Hoemuler, a German subject and his family in Parral. The Chinese refugee added that general belief in Jiminez was that Edgar Kock, German consular agent in Parral, had been killed at Santa Rosalia.

United States Government representatives here also have received practically the same report from a Chinese refugee who arrived in Juarez Thursday night. These reports agree that Villa and his bandits, after occupying the mining town, ordered the foreigners killed, looted the stores, arrested many of the natives and held them for ransom and committed other depredations.

The Chinese refugee who arrived last night said at least twenty Chinese had been killed in Parral, and that fifteen Arabs, Hebrews and Syrians had been put to death. He did not know the number of the other foreigners killed, although he said another Chinese who fled from Parral had told him in Jiminez that "all the foreigners had been put to death."

Of the foreigners believed to have been in Parral when Villa entered, American Mining Company officials here say there were at least five, and probably six, Americans. Five Americans who left two days before the town was evacuated reached Culican, according to a message received by the Alvarado Mining and Milling Company here.

There remained in Parral, according to the mining men, the following Americans: Jacob Meyers, E W Palmer, William Scott (who was at first erroneously reported to be a son of Gen Hugh L Scott), Henry Schafer, R P Cowell and Dr Thomas Flannagan.

However, the officials of the Alvarado Mining Company think it is possible that Flannagan made the trip to Culican with the party in charge of Leslie Webb, who left on November 2.

FRANCIS JOSEPH DEAD.

Stern Old Emperor Passes Away After Long Reign.

London, November 22:—Emperor Francis Joseph, ruler of Austria, died last night at 9 o'clock at Schoenbrunn Castle, according to a Reuter dispatch from Vienna, by way of Amsterdam.

It is doubtful if in all history there has been an active, authenticated reign longer than that closed by the death of Francis Joseph.

At 19 years of age he ascended the throne of Austria, upon abdication of his uncle, Ferdinand I., December 2, 1848, his death today ending an active reign of nearly sixty-eight years, all but the first twenty of it which he was also Apostolic King of Hungary.

Tradition says that Pharaoh ruled for ninety-nine years and there is the more credible instance of Rameses II, Sesostris of the Greeks, whose reign is reputed to have covered sixty-seven years.

But in recorded history there certainly has been no reign equal in period of time to that of the Hapsburg which closed today. Louis XIV, of France, was nominally King for seventy-two years. He actually occupied the throne for little more than half a century. A closer rival, and the only one of modern times, was Queen Victoria who reigned for sixty-four years.

Francis Joseph's reign was as eventful as it was long.

Death of Mrs Cooper.

Mrs Jeanette Cooper, relict of Mr William J Cooper and mother of Messrs Tom and Hugh Cooper, died Tuesday afternoon, November 21, in the eighty-third year of her age.

Mrs Cooper before marriage was Miss Jeanette McCutchen, of the Indiantown section, where she was born and reared and spent her long and active life of service to God and usefulness to the community.

The funeral and interment took place at Indiantown church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, services being conducted by the Rev W R Pritchett. The following out of town kinsmen attended the funeral: Mr W D James, Cheraw; Mr Frank D James, Denmark; Prof George McCutchen, Columbia; Dr Willie McCutchen, Sumter; Mr and Mrs Hugh McLaurin, Wedgefield; Mrs Emma Cooper and Miss Denie Cooper of Sumter.

Hot Supper at Salters.

The Ladies' Missionary society of Union church will give a hot supper at Salters town hall Wednesday night, November 29. Public is cordially invited.

THE CHAUTAUQUA OPENED YESTERDAY.

ARTISTS OF EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY TO ENTERTAIN OUR PEOPLE FOR THREE DAYS.

The first of six entertainments extending through Friday opened in the school auditorium at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon with a shamefully small audience present to enjoy one of the most instructive and highly entertaining programs ever presented here—certainly not since the appearance of the Chautauqua attractions about one year ago.

Yesterday's program for the afternoon and night attractions included lectures by Dr W T S Culp and a splendid performance by the Hawkeye Glee club, which is regarded as one of the best vocal and instrumental musical combinations on the road. The Hawkeye club is composed of four young men who can truly be termed experts in their line.



Dr. W. T. S. Culp.—An orator of power in illuminating and interpreting ideals. A student of great themes and a speaker of tremendous force and prophetic vision. A master of brilliant satire.

Dr Culp is a student of great ability; he knows human nature because he makes it a special study, and what he doesn't know about a boy or a girl, a man or a mule isn't worth while, and the rare simplicity with which he imparts this wonderful knowledge to his audiences is charming. In the afternoon the subject of his lecture was the "Soul of a Child" and at night he spoke on "The Boy." A much larger audience was present at the night performance, and it is earnestly hoped that the people of the town and county will avail themselves of this exceptional opportunity to gather a few pearls from the realms of highest and purest thought.

Today's programme will consist of Gertrude Paynekinski, the Polish pianist and reader, also Herbert and Floy Mahon Sprague, two remarkably clever performers.

Tomorrow the Ernest Gamble Concert party, one of the most famous organizations of its kind, will appear with the noted lecturer, Dr William E Adams of Seattle, Wash.

PROMINENT FARMER KILLED.

Rev H Harrelson of Dillon County Murdered and Wife Attacked.

Hugh Harrelson, a prominent farmer, was killed late Tuesday evening while serving a number of negroes at his commissary at Pleasant Hill, in Dillon county. Mrs Harrelson, who was in the home at the time of the killing, was severely beaten by a negro who was sent to the house to prevent her giving the alarm. She will recover. A considerable number of Dillon people, as well as some from other sections of the county, went to the scene and immediate pursuit of the murderers was instituted. One negro, Archie Campbell, has already been arrested and lodged in jail. The county is being scoured for others suspected of being implicated in the dastardly crime. Feeling is in evidence in Dillon and a lynching is feared.

CHAUTAUQUA CELEBRITIES WHO WILL APPEAR HERE TOMORROW.



Ernest Gamble Concert Party.—The most famous organization of its kind in this country. There is no better. There is no one star and no supporting company. Each member is an individual artist. An able critic has said, "Their programs are not so popular as to be musically cheap and not so classical as not to be popular."

Gentlemen Of the Jury.

The following have been drawn as petit jurors for the court of common pleas for the week commencing December 4, 1916:

- J B Crooks, Kingstree, R F D,
- T H Stuckey, Vox,
- G C Parson, Jr, Gourdings,
- S D Hanna, Jr, Vox,
- E R Baxley, Hemingway,
- C Bruster Cribb, Hemingway,
- T D Mitchum, Heinemann,
- W Gordon Cantley, Kingstree, R F D,
- R E Walters, Suttons,
- L F Tisdale, Kingstree, R F D,
- R W Wilson, Hemingway,
- R C Scott, Kingstree,
- G B Eaddy, Rhems,
- J Tigler, Lanes,
- I W Cockfield, Cades,
- J S Altman, Vox,
- J A McCullough, Bryan,

- H C McCutchen, Kingstree, R F D,
- L D Clark, Cades,
- W C Snowden, Hemingway,
- T M Cooper, Fowler,
- J E Brown, Kingstree, R F D,
- O C Hinnant, Suttons,
- H A Brockinton, Morrisville,
- W H Dennis, Cades,
- B L Buffkin, Lake City, R F D,
- B A Hughes, Greelyville,
- W E Lesesne, Greelyville,
- R C Brown, Hemingway,
- W D Byrdick, Suttons,
- H R Russell, Bloomingvale,
- D I Epps, Mouzons,
- W L Burgess, Mouzons,
- R J Nesmith, Hemingway,
- J D Wilson, Hemingway.

Hot Supper at Lanes Postponed.

The Ladies' Missionary union will give a hot supper in the graded school building at Lanes Tuesday evening, November 28, instead of Wednesday, the 29th, as advertised.

FIRST REGIMENT COMING HOME.

EXPECTED TO RETURN FROM MEXICAN BORDER NOT LATER THAN THANKSGIVING.

Washington, November 21:—Five National Guard regiments were ordered home from the Mexican border today. They are the First regiment of South Carolina, Seventh New York, Third Indiana, Third Wisconsin and Third Minnesota.

In a statement announcing the order the war Department said it was in continuation of the policy "announced some time ago to gradually withdraw National Guard regiments from the border as conditions permit and, in accordance with the recommendations of Gen Funston, these regiments have been ordered home."

War Department officials said the order had no relation to the proceedings of the joint conference at Atlantic City.

Approximately 100,000 National Guardsmen will remain on the border when these five regiments have been withdrawn. The regiments will start as soon as transportation facilities will permit and all probably will be at their State muster points by Thanksgiving.

Her Son Subject to Croup.

"My son Edwin is subject to croup," writes Mrs E O Irwin, New Kensington, Pa. "I put in many sleepless hours at night before I learned of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mothers need not fear this disease if they keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house and use it as directed. It always gave my boy relief." Obtainable everywhere.

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Farmers, Read This.

It is time to decide what crops you are going to plant next year. Twenty cent cotton looks very tempting, but I think judgment should be used right here. The whole cotton world will plant cotton, but few States can raise tobacco, and I would split my crop by all means in Williamsburg the coming year. While our tobacco was materially damaged by the storm the past season, it sold for good prices, and the crop in eastern North Carolina is now selling for an average of 25c per pound, and I expect to see our Burley sell higher than it has ever sold, and there isn't any doubt in my mind at all that the tobacco crop in South Carolina next year will sell for 20c or more. Stocks held by the manufacturers and dealers are the smallest in years, while the demand is greater than ever before for bright tobacco. I shall be glad to give you seed if you wish to plant. You can get them at People's Mercantile Co's or at the office of Mr W K McIntosh. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year, I am, Your friend, E J HESTER.

Careful checking of all precincts in California shows there is no possibility of the manufacturer Wilson losing California. The checking shows the lowest Democratic elector to have 1,200 votes more than the highest Republican elector, and gives the highest Democratic elector a lead of 3,500 over the highest Republican.

| CONDENSED REPORT OF CONDITION OF | |
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| Farmers & Merchants National Bank | |
| LAKE CITY, S. C. | |
| AS MADE TO THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY | |
| At Close of Business Nov. 17, 1916 | |
| Resources | |
| Loans and Discounts | \$286,843 92 |
| Overdrafts | NONE |
| Bonds | 118,300 00 |
| Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures | 22,300 00 |
| 5% Redemption Fund | 5,000 00 |
| Stock Fed Reserve Bank | 3,600 00 |
| Due from Fed Reserve Bk | 11,633 92 |
| Cash and Due from Banks | 120,517 23 |
| | \$568,197 07 |
| Liabilities | |
| Capital Stock | \$100,000 00 |
| Surplus and Un Profits | 34,677 79 |
| Circulation | 96,600 00 |
| DEPOSITS | 336,919 28 |
| | \$568,197 07 |

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