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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southron in 1866. The Watchman and Southron now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

But for Gov. Sulzer's feud with Tammy Hall the Democrats would never have realized their great good luck in disregarding Mr. Sulzer's presidential aspirations.

John Bull is having his trouble with the Pankhurst militant suffragettes and Uncle Sam is pestered by Mexico and the Huerta assassins. It is difficult to decide which is the greater plague and which the greater menace to good government and the safety of society.

The Conference for the Common Good was in fact, a great revival of good citizenship. The revivalists were all good citizens, without selfish ends to subserve and seeking nothing for themselves alone.

The farmers of several South Carolina counties are evincing a commendable interest in the efforts of the Department of Agriculture to eradicate the cattle tick and hundreds of them are actively co-operating with the government agents in this good work. The tick eradicating campaign is soon to be started in Sumter county, the work having already been inaugurated in Kershaw, Lee, Darlington and Florence counties, our next neighbors, and within two or three years Sumter county should be freed from ticks and the greatest obstacle to successful and profitable cattle raising removed for all time. When the work begins in earnest the city of Sumter, particularly those citizens who are owners of extensive real estate holdings, should extend hearty and substantial support, for the up-building of live stock industry will be of more value to this section than any other one thing that could be mentioned. The foundation of agricultural development and prosperity is live stock, for it brings greater yields of all crops, increasing from year to year as the lands are enriched and become more fertile and emancipates the farmers from the dependence upon the manufacturers of fertilizers. This county can never be truly prosperous until it quits paying out annually one-half or more of the proceeds of the crops for fertilizers.

ENRAGED POSSE KILLS 17.

Put to Death by Americans for Offering Indignities to Daughter of Farmer.

Mexico City, Aug. 6.—Seventeen Mexicans have paid with their lives for mistreating the daughter of Matthew Gourd, an American farmer, near Tampico, Monday. American farmers participated in the execution of the penalty, according to information regarded as reliable, received here today. The Americans joined by Mexican landowners in the district of Atascador, near Tampico, organized a posse and rode into the hills in search of the band of outlaws who tied Gourd and robbed him and afterwards offered indignities to his two daughters in sight of their helpless father. The 17 killed by the posse included those slain in the fighting and those put to death by the vigilantes afterwards.

DYING WOMAN CONFESSES FRAUD.

Charleston Woman, Mrs. James K. McCloud, Worked Her Scheme in Many Cities of the South.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 8.—A white woman dying at a local hospital today confessed that she had frequently obtained thousands of dollars in a score of southern cities by posing as the widow of the late Governor Alcorn of Mississippi. The woman, who has been detained here several days on the charge of which she confessed, said that she was the widow of the late James K. McCloud, of Charleston, S. C.

Most of her collections, Mrs. McCloud said in her confession, had been made through appeals to charity.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Switzerland has accepted in principle Secretary Bryan's peace proposal, making the 27th nation recorded.

SULZER DENIES CHARGES.

NEW YORK GOVERNOR MAKES STATEMENT.

He Declares That He Never Used Campaign Funds for Speculative Purposes.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 10.—After a long conference tonight with some of his close political advisers Gov. Sulzer issued a short statement denying absolutely that he ever used campaign funds for speculative purposes. He says he never heard of the stock brokerage firms of Fuller & Gray and Boyer & Griswold, alleged transactions with which figured largely in the testimony before the Frawley legislative committee until these names were brought out before the committee.

The governor admits he did apply certain campaign contributions to his personal use, but says he made the amount good. He also admits having transacted with the stock firm of Harris & Fuller, but insists that his account with this firm was not speculative. He denies he ever speculated in Wall street.

The statement was given by Chester C. Platt, the governor's secretary.

Among those at the conference were Louis Marshall, John A. Hennessy, Louis A. Sarecky and Mr. Platt. The statement follows:

"In view of the fact that the Frawley committee is about to make its report of the investigation it has been making, I am advised that it would be unwise for me at this time to make any detailed statement in reply to the matters that had been brought to the attention of that committee but having promised that I would furnish the press a statement, in fulfillment of that promise I make the following brief reply to the matters that I am informed had been brought before such committee.

"I deny that I used any campaign contributions for personal use.

"I deny that I speculated in Wall street or used money contributed for campaign purposes to buy stocks either in my own name or otherwise.

"I never had any account with Fuller & Gray or Boyer & Griswold. I never heard of these firms, I do not know the members, and know nothing about the transactions with these firms testified to before the Frawley committee until recently threatened with exposure and the alleged transactions were brought to my attention by the Frawley committee.

"The stock matter with Harris & Fuller was not a speculative account, or matter, but a loan made upon stock as collateral, which stocks had been acquired and paid for years before my nomination for the office of governor, and from other sources than Harris & Fuller.

"Certain checks given to me for campaign purposes were deposited to my personal account and thereafter I paid the amount of said checks to my campaign committee.

"In filing my statement of receipts and disbursements with the secretary of state I relied upon information furnished me by the persons in immediate charge of my campaign and in whom I had and have the most implicit confidence, and I believe the statement furnished by them to me to be accurate and true."

LANCASTER HAS \$75,000 FIRE.

C. and L. Railroad, Cotton Oil Co., and Hardware Co., Losers.

Lancaster, Aug. 9.—Lancaster was visited this morning by one of the most disastrous fires in her history. The office building and the gigantic seed house of the Lancaster Cotton Oil Company, the Lancaster and Chester Railway passenger and freight depot, with all contents, and a warehouse of the Lancaster Hardware Company, filled with furniture and hardware, were totally destroyed.

The fire originated in the seed house of the Lancaster Cotton Oil Company, and when the department arrived the building was ablaze from end to end. The heat was so intense that the firemen could not approach close enough to do effective work.

The loss is approximately \$75,000. The Lancaster and Chester Railway were the heaviest losers, as the depot was filled with inbound and outbound freight accumulated since the disastrous wreck last week. The company's loss was \$30,000, fully covered by insurance. The Hardware company's loss is \$8,000, fully covered.

NO TRUTH TO REPORT.

In view of the fact that a report was circulated about the city Monday morning to the effect that Magistrate H. L. B. Wells had announced his intention to resign, he was asked concerning the report Monday afternoon and denounced the report as without any foundation in fact.

"I have not resigned and I have no intention of handing in my resignation at any time, nor have I made any announcement to that effect," said Judge Wells, when asked if he had resigned, or if he had announced his intention of doing so.

WILSON'S MEXICAN POLICY.

PRESIDENT TELLS SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF LIND'S MISSION.

United States Wants Peace in Mexico —Asks Huerta to Allow Election and Fulfill Promises Made at Beginning of His Regime—Will Not Recognize Huerta Administration.

Washington, August 9.—President Wilson took into his confidence tonight the entire senate foreign relations committee, Republicans as well as Democrats, and outlined frankly the policy he believes the United States ought to pursue toward Mexico.

While John Lind, personal representative of the president, paused overnight at Vera Cruz, exchanging messages by wireless with officials at Washington, the president discussed with the senate committee for the first time during his administration a matter of foreign policy.

Though the president has been constantly in touch with Chairman Bacon, veiled charges of partisan politics and lack of information among the Republicans caused him to meet the entire committee, regardless of party, to canvass the situation, admittedly the gravest that has come up during his administration.

The president gave the committee all the information he has gathered on the Mexican situation; referred briefly to the incidents upon which he had formed his judgment or what ought to be done by the United States, and explained the general purpose of Envoy Lind's mission. Secretary Bryan also was present at the conference, the announced purpose of which was to bring the executive and legislative departments of the government into close accord.

From those who know the proposals Lind will communicate to the Huerta government through Nelson O'Shaughnessy, charge d'affaires of the embassy at Mexico City, it was learned tonight that the United States merely calls upon Provisional President Huerta to carry out the promises he was officially reported to have made when he took possession of the government after the death of Madero. The American government then was informed that Huerta intended to call an election not later than July and did not intend to be a candidate.

The proposals which the United States will submit to the Huerta government, duplicates of which will be transmitted to the foreign powers as an evidence of efforts to compose the situation in Mexico, will, it is understood, point out that the only interest the United States has in Latin-America is that constitutional government may be maintained; that it must of necessity prefer those who set up governments by orderly processes rather than by arbitrary force, and, in effect, says to Provisional President Huerta that it believes it his duty to obtain a suspension of hostilities while a free and constitutional election is held.

The constitutionalists declare they will not consent to an election where Huerta is in power, maintaining that they would have no guarantees that it would be conducted fairly. They contend that only by the abdication of Huerta, in favor of a Provisional President, acceptable to them, would they consent to lay down their arms. These questions, it is believed, the American government leaves entirely to Provisional President Huerta, but its proposals are believed to point out the necessity for an early election to establish a constitutional government to which the United States could extend recognition.

President Wilson took the senators into his confidence far enough to outline the following:

That John Lind, his special envoy to Mexico City, does not bear any solution of the present situation, but goes to continue this government's effort to induce Provisional President Huerta to redeem his promises for free and constitutional elections;

That under no circumstances does the administration propose to recognize the Huerta government.

That Mr. Lind has gone to Mexico City to be the "eyes and ears" of the Washington administration on the ground, and to explain the attitude of this government when he has fully familiarized himself with the situation.

That by withdrawing Ambassador Wilson and sending Mr. Lind the president planned to have a man on the grounds who was in sympathy with the administration here and was in no sense a factor in the situation in Mexico City.

These policies and suggestions of the President and Secretary Bryan came out in general discussion. It was made clear that the purpose of the conference was to establish more frank and intimate relations between the senate and the administration in the development of the Mexican policy, and in the furtherance of peaceful settlement.

Senators who may have expected to be informed of a definite plan or a

LIND REACHES MEXICO CITY.

PRESIDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETES JOURNEY.

News of Messenger's Safe Arrival Comes After Several Hours of Suspense in Washington.

Washington, Aug. 11.—John Lind, personal representative of President Wilson, to investigate the Mexican situation, arrived safely in Mexico City last night according to advices received at the state department from Charge O'Shaughnessy of the United States embassy, at an early hour this morning. Secretary Bryan remained at his desk until long after midnight to receive the news.

News of the safe arrival of Mr. Lind with his wife and party in the Mexican capital followed several hours of suspense. The complete absence of any information of the progress of the party from the time it left Vera Cruz early yesterday morning added to the uneasiness which was heightened by vague rumors of attacks on Mr. Lind and his family and associates.

President Wilson had retired when word of Mr. Lind's safe arrival was received, and he was not awakened. Secretary Bryan remained at his desk until 1:30 o'clock this morning, anxiously awaiting some report from the embassy at Mexico City. When it finally came it proved to be merely a terse announcement of the arrival of the special envoy, coupled with the announcement that he and his party were safely quartered at the Hotel Lascruain.

Good Crops in Clarendon.

Bishopville Leader and Vindicator.
Rev. L. L. Legters returned Tuesday from New Harmony church in Clarendon county where he had been carrying on a protracted meeting. He said the meeting was a delightful one and while the membership is small he had good congregations and much interest was taken in the meeting. He was much pleased with the people down there and that they had good crops.

formal message Mr. Lind might be bearing to the Mexican government were disappointed. The president told them that upon the arrival of Mr. Lind in Mexico City there would be transmitted through the charge d'affaires at Mexico City, as well as to the foreign governments generally, an explanation of Mr. Lind's mission.

Bagging and Ties

THIS is a subject that is most interesting to every Southern Farmer. There are some things he may be able to get along without, but if he raises cotton he must have Bagging and Ties, and from present prospects a good deal will be needed to wrap the fleecy staple, as the outlook for the growing crop is very encouraging. We have bought quite freely, as is our custom, realizing from past experience that there is nothing to be gained by waiting, and it is our candid opinion that the Farmer who places his order now will save money by doing so.

You may charge us with being too premature, and say you don't want to buy Bagging and Ties until you have a better idea what your crop is going to do, in that case you can place an order for a portion of your requirements and await results.

We will accept your order now for shipment in August, so you will have your goods on hand when you need them, payable October 1st, subject to 7 per cent. per annum discount for anticipation. Our offerings consist of New 2 and 3 lb. Sugar Sack Bagging, and all grades of Jute. We handle only New Arrow Ties.

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