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HOSPITAL BURNS PATIENTS SAFE

Dr. Pryor Suffers Loss at Chester.

FLAMES GAIN GROUND

Fire Sweeps All Before It in Mad Rush—New Building Soon.

Special to The State.

Chester, March 20.—Dr. S. W. Pryor's hospital on Saluda street lies in ashes to-night as a result of probably the most sensational conflagration in Chester's history. The loss is roughly estimated at between \$35,000 and \$40,000, about two-thirds covered by insurance. While many of the patients had narrow escapes, they were all brought out safely on stretchers and in their beds. To-night all of the patients are resting comfortably, except for the fact that many are very nervous after the fire shock.

The alarm was rung in about 10 o'clock this morning. At that time the entire roof, which was a wooden one, as was the entire structure, was a mass of fire. The Stonewall fire department was quickly on the scene and in a few minutes eight streams of water were playing on the fire, which was speedily gnawing its way downward. At first the water pressure was not satisfactory and the powerful pumps at the water station were then started to work, and water then came with a force that carried everything before it.

Business of the city was practically suspended. Many of the stores closed their doors tight and turned their salesmen and office force into volunteer fighting brigades. The main thing uppermost in the people's minds was the rescuing of patients and they were carried out to many of the nearby homes, which were turned into temporary hospitals. At first before the citizens arrived on the scene the nurses played a heroic part in trying to assist the patients to make their escape. Several nurses fainted just as a dozen men rushed in to help them.

At the time of the fire Dr. Pryor and his assistants were in the operating room and had just finished operating on Mr. Evans of Abbeville. Another patient, a small boy, Ernest Teague, was still under the influence of ether, from an operation for appendicitis. By skillful work these patients were removed and it is thought that their hurried removal from the institution will prevent any after effects.

To-night some of the patients are at the Chester sanatorium. By tomorrow morning Dr. Pryor will have the former DeVega private hospital on Wylie street equipped and ready to receive his patients, or at least most of them. A number of patients had gone home well from the hospital Saturday and Sunday and a few were to arrive this afternoon. Those in the hospital at the time of the fire or the best list obtainable at this late hour were as follows:

Miss Ethel Jay of Chester graded school faculty, Mrs. Baskin of Richburg, Mrs. Lollis of Honea Path, the Rev. James Sharp of Chester, Mr. B. P. Lilly of Tampa, Fla., Olein Hardin of Dunbar, Mr. Evans of Abbeville, H. K. Hough of Chester, Mrs. W. M. Estes of Rockton, M. T. Austin of Chester, Ernest Teague and Lee McCay of Chester, R. L. Douglas, M. D., of Rodman, Miss Mary Boulware of Chester, T. S. Calhoun of Abbeville, Miss Mary Stroud of Chester, R. G. Mills of Chester, Levi Gill of Chester, G. Chisolm of Chester and John Jackson of Chester.

One big loss was the \$6,000 X-ray outfit. Parts of it were saved, however, but it will cost several thousand dollars to repair it.

Dr. Pryor said tonight that the hospital would be rebuilt at once and be constructed entirely of brick, cement and steel, and would be as near fire-proof as it is possible to make it.

Dr. Pryor is bravely holding up under the tremendous strain, through which he has gone to-day. He had built up a hospital that drew patients from all over the south and his reputation as a surgeon to-day extends over the country. Many telegrams received this afternoon from former patients all over the south attested to the high esteem in which he was held and general public sorrow at his great loss.

A careful investigation was made by Dr. Pryor of the origin of the fire, but without avail. The only

PROGRAM

Of the Central Division Institute W. M. U., to Be Held in the First Baptist Church, Camden, S. C., March 28-29, 1916.

TUESDAY MORNING 10:30
10:30—Praise service, Mrs. W. O. Whitescarver.

10:40—Welcome, Miss Louise Nettles.

10:45—My Associational Ideal—Five minute talks by Mrs. R. E. Small, Mrs. S. E. Goodale, Mrs. C. B. McKnight, Mrs. O. C. Scarborough, Mrs. L. K. Sturkie.

11:10—Message from State President, Mrs. J. D. Chapman.

11:25—A Bit of Division History, by the Vice President of the Division, Song Message.

11:40—Associational Engineering—Demonstration—Associational Executive Meeting, Mrs. J. R. Fizer.

12:15—Discussion of Methods: Organizing, Mrs. Russell Ramsey; Enlistment, Mrs. H. I. Horton; Circular Plan, Mrs. C. E. Burts; Keeping Record, Miss Jessie King; Reporting, Mrs. E. E. Hodge.

Open discussion.
12:50—Closing Message from the Word, Mrs. W. E. Thayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 4:00
Y. W. A. Session.

Devotional Service—Mrs. Mattie Brown.

Messages from the Associations—Mrs. M. S. Williams, Mrs. Geo. Burbage, Mrs. L. K. Williams, Miss Annette Stover, Miss Ada Phelps.

At School in Mission Study—Mrs. Geo. E. Davis.

Song Service.

Y. W. A. Message—"Bible Study."

Open Discussion.

"Christ's Message."—A Call From the Training School, Mrs. Geo. E. Davis.

TUESDAY EVENING, 8:00

Scripture Reading and Prayer—Rev. J. A. Davidson.

Pageant—Camden Y. W. A's.

Song Message.

Address—Dr. John E. White.

Offering.

Benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING 10:00

10:00—Consecration, Mrs. W. O. Whitescarver.

10:10—Demonstration—Model Meetings—1. Regular, Mrs. Geo. Burbage; 2. Quarterly, Mrs. G. E. Davis.

10:40—Giving:—1. Motive, Mrs. T. D. Wray; 2. Method, Miss Jessie King.

11:10—When the Standard Convinced, By Ten Women.

11:25—The Power, Bible Study and Prayer, Mrs. C. L. Cuttino.

11:40—Graded Union, Responsibility, Mrs. H. K. Williams.

11:50—R. A. Hour, led by Mrs. James Cleckley; Demonstration by Camden R. A's; Best Methods, Mrs. Roland Goodale; Hints to Leaders, Mrs. James Cleckley.

12:50—Closing Message from the Word, Mrs. W. E. Thayer.

Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 4:00

Devotional Service.

Sunbeam Hour, led by Mrs. J. R. Fizer.

Exercises by Camden Sunbeams.

Practical Suggestions to Leaders, Mrs. J. D. Chapman.

Demonstration—Promotion Day.

Open Discussion—Helps and Hindrances.

Things to Pass On.

Closing Message, Mrs. O. C. Scarborough.

Adjournment.

VILLA LEADS ATTACK ON CARRANZA FORCES

Reported De Facto Government's Troops Are About to Let Outlaw Get Away.

CARRANZA ASKS PROTOCOL

Wants Uncle Sam to Sign Agreement for Co-Operation in Chase for Villa and His Band.

El Paso, Tex., March 20.—The forces of Col. Cano were engaged in battle at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon with bandits led by Villa in Namiquipa, according to a dispatch received this afternoon by Gen. Gavira, Carranza's commandant at Juarez. The result of the fighting was not decided at the time of the receipt of the dispatch. Namiquipa is in the district of Guerrero, State of Chihuahua. Cano is in command of a force of 900 cavalry, which came in contact two days ago at El Valle with Villa forces, which on this occasion fled without giving battle.

Despite the reports that Cano's forces had engaged those of Namiquipa, persons well informed here express the opinion that the Carranza forces had failed to hold up their end of the net by which it was proposed to capture the bandit chief. There was confirmatory reports received to-day of the news reserved for the last week that the Mexican troops, not only were failing to co-operate with the American troops, but in certain instances at least were actually withdrawing from the field of operations.

Carranzistas Withdraw

The Associated Press learned on unquestionable authority, that the troops of the de facto government which had been seen at Casas Grandes have been withdrawn and are now in or about Juarez. From the same source it was learned that at least one detachment of Carranza troops had refused to fight Villa and had withdrawn from the bandits' approach, leaving him free to pass into his favorite mountain fastness. The detachment withdrew on receipt of a message that he was warring, not on Mexicans, but the enemies of the Mexicans.

The extraordinary rapidity with which the American cavalry pushed into Mexico gave high hopes yesterday that the unexpected had happened and said that the notorious bandit was cornered. This seemed inevitable if the Carranza soldiers did their part, and if the account of the strength of their field forces was correct.

It now seems certain that Villa has been moving freely in at least a large section of the country supposed to be held by the forces of the first chief.

The reason for Carranza troops moving to the border remains unexplained. It is impossible even to make a fair estimate of the number of men under Gen. Gavira at Juarez. The most conservative estimate places it at 3,000 and calculation range from that point upward to 8,000. Most of the men are kept outside the town among the hills. Reports from Agui Prieta and Ojinaga tell of Mexican reinforcements reaching those points also, but nothing is known as to their numbers.

There is no question that there is serious and growing uneasiness in El Paso, which has been sharply accentuated by the request of the United States Government objective to Gen. Carranza for the use of the Mexican railroads to transport supplies. Americans here did not believe that Carranza dare grant this request, especially as it is understood that Gen. Funston proposes, if it is granted, to take train crews and equipment into Mexico and place military guards at the stations. The presence of American soldiers on Mexican railroads, it is said, would be very likely misunderstood by the peons and it is feared would be sure to provoke outbreaks.

YOUNG WOMAN FOUND DEAD

Phial in Hand and Note Pinned to Dress.

Rock Hill, March 18.—Miss Willie May Adams, about twenty years old, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Adams, of this city, was found dead in Laurelwood cemetery to-day with an empty carbolic acid bottle beside her and a note pinned to her dress. The coroner's jury found a verdict in accordance with the above. No excuse for the deed is known.

VILLA DRIVEN INTO TRAP

Rapid Advance of American Troops Confuses Fleeing Villa.

CARRANZA'S TROOPS FACE TEST

Outlaw Seems to Be Hemmed in on Three Sides by Constitutionalists With United States Soldiers Guarding Fourth Avenue of Escape.

El Paso, March 19.—Francisco Villa has been driven into a trap by the rapid advance of the American troops, according to the information received to-day in wireless dispatches from the front and in telegraphic dispatches to Gen. Gariva, the Carranza commander at Juarez. Everything seems now to depend on the ability of the Carranza garrisons to hold their end of the net. On three sides of the bandit chief he is hemmed in by strong Carranza columns, while on the fourth the Americans are driving forward with amazing speed.

Villa was reported in the Babricora lake region to-night on the ranch of Mrs. Phoebe Hurst, which he has ravaged several times in the past. Babricora is about 55 miles south of Galeana, where one section of the American expeditionary force has arrived and is pushing forward at the rate of 23 miles a day. A few miles to the east of the bandit positions is Namiquipa, which is held by a powerful Carranza garrison. On the west are the frowning barriers of the Sierra Madre mountains barring the way to Sonora. Gen. Luis Guiterrez, Carranza's field chief, declares that he holds all the passes to Sonora.

Garrison Holds Town.

To the south Villa's way is blocked by the Carranza garrison at Madera, a town of considerable importance as the headquarters of the Madera Company, Ltd., an American concern which has vast lumber, mining and railroad interests. On account of the importance of this town an exceptionally heavy Carranza force is said to hold it. The whole situation seems to hang to-night on the Carranza forces. If they remain loyal to the first chief, which up to the present they have shown every indication of doing, Villa appears trapped. It is of course realized that he is on ground of his own choosing, and a country admirably suited for guerrilla warfare and surprise attacks.

While Carranza leaders and the United States military authorities have succeeded so far in avoiding any friction there is one serious question which may arise at any time to threaten the entire situation. As the lines of communication of the American force lengthen, the problem of bringing up supplies becomes increasingly more pressing.

To grant the United States permission to use the Mexican railroads for shipping supplies, it is thought here, may be misconstrued by many Mexicans. On the other hand a refusal would scarcely harmonize with the professed desire of the Carranza government to co-operate in every way with the American authorities. The arrival of this crisis is being anxiously awaited on both sides of the border.

Villa had reached Babricora, near the lake of that name in the Guerrero region, after having abandoned 30 of his wounded at El Valle, according to a telegram received to-day by Gen. Gavira at Juarez from Col. Nieto Macia, the commander at Pearson.

Safety in Flight.

Villa fled to avoid conflict with the Carranza troops under Col. Cano. Among the 30 wounded who had been shot in the Columbus raid, and carried along in wagons only to be abandoned at El Valle, was said to be the second in command, Pablo Lopez. Lopez is the leader whose death was reported as a positive fact at the Columbus raid. Later reports cast some doubt upon his death and indicated that another chief carrying his papers might have been the real victim. Lopez, the telegram said, was badly wounded, having been shot through the abdomen and both legs, which were broken.

The Villista chief, Cervantes, is reported with a number of bandits in Las Cruces. Gen. Bertini, commanding the Carranza forces at Casas Grandes, came

UNITY SCHOOL PLAY.

Cast of Characters for School Entertainment.

The association of Unity school will give an entertainment at the school house Friday night, March 24, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Admission free ten and fifteen cents; proceeds for the benefit of the school.

Following is the cast of characters: An engaged girl, Aline Dacre; a very beautiful and popular girl, Miss Loma McCain. Roberta DeBois, Miss Anabel Crenshaw, Phyllis Foster, an anglo-maniac—Miss Lucy Dees.

Winifred Mercer, a southern girl, Miss Margaret Simpson.

May Teller—Miss Ada Dees.

Mrs. Dacre, Aline's aunt—Miss Sallie Neill.

Jack Brewer, Aline's fiance—Mr. Bon Dees.

Molly, a servant—Miss Emma Hinson.

James, a waiter, Mr. Ebbie Hallman.

Echo band.

Steve Short, a very hungry negro—Claude Hinson.

Williana Song a band leader—Loyd Hinson.

Diamonds and Hearts.

Bernice Halstead, a young lady with an affection of heart—Miss Ruby Steele.

Amy Halstead, her sister, Miss Loma McCain.

Inez Gray, a visitor and friends of the girls—Miss Ada McCain.

Mrs. Halstead, a widow—Miss Edna Simpson.

Hannah Barnes, or Sis, a maiden lady who keeps house for her brother—Miss Elsie McCain.

Dwight Bradley, a fortune hunter—Mr. Bon Dees.

Dr. Burton, a young physician—Mr. Moffatt Hallman.

Sammy, the darkey bell-boy—Mr. Bright McCain.

Abraham Barnes, a yankee farmer and unmarried—Mr. Oliver Crenshaw.

Attorney—Mr. Carl Hinson.

Sheriff—Mr. Marvin Helms.

There will also be a pantomime, vocal and instrumental music; lots of fun.

IF VAUGHN IS CRAZY

HE MAY MISS DEATH

Decree of Insanity Only Thing That Can Save Him From Electric Chair.

Spartanburg, March 19.—Thurston U. Vaughn, who is in the State Penitentiary under death sentence for heinous crimes which he confessed to have committed while he was superintendent of the South Carolina Odd Fellows Orphanage here, is to be incarcerated in the State Hospital for the Insane. Solicitor P. A. Bonham stated to-day that he will apply next week for an order from the circuit court to transfer Vaughn. A test of Vaughn's sanity will be made while he is in the State Hospital.

If the tests show Vaughn to be insane he will escape the death penalty. Vaughn was convicted on October 26, 1912, and was sentenced to be electrocuted. His attorneys have appealed his case to the State Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court, which tribunals sustained the judgment of the Circuit Court. A decree of insanity is the only thing that can now save Vaughn from the chair.

Solicitor Bonham decided to take the step to have Vaughn placed in the Hospital, after correspondence with Governor Manning and Dr. J. Heyward Gibbs, of Columbia.

To Juarez to-day to talk over the military situation with his superior, Gen. Gavira. He said that Gen. Pershing's force is divided, with part near Casas Grandes and a part near Galeana, southwest of Casas Grandes. The Americans encamp in the country, but have permission to go into the towns to buy food, fodder and other obtainable food. An order to this effect came from War Minister Obregon.

To-day Gavira received by wire a copy of the agreement by which the Carranza government permitted the entry of the American forces at Columbus.

Juarez spent Sunday in the usual Mexican fashion with a line of refreshment stands along its main street and orchestras playing in the amusement resorts. In the evening a military band gave a concert in the plaza.

MOWED DOWN BY TEUTONS

German Seaplanes Make Raid on the Coast of England. French Air Raids.

FRENCH LOSE DESTROYER

With Slackening of Battle for Verdun Russians Begin Big Offensive on Eastern Front.

With the slackening of fighting around Verdun the Russians have started another big offensive movement against the Germans on the eastern front. A raid by German seaplanes on the east coast of England and by French airmen on Metz and other German towns, the sinking of a French torpedo boat destroyer by a submarine in the Adriatic and the reported torpedoing of an Austrian hospital ship by an Entente underwater boat are recorded in official and unofficial communications.

Berlin chronicles an attack of great violence by the Russians around Driswlaty Lago and Lake Naroz, but says the Russians were repulsed, with great losses, 3,270 Russians dead having been counted in the Lake Naroz region.

Saturday the Germans in the Vaux-Damloup sector, northeast of Verdun, began another spirited attack against the French, but the French, bringing their curtain of fire into play, drove the Teutons back. The attack was not pushed again during Sunday and only intermittent bombardments took place.

Berlin reports the recapture of some ground from the British northeast of Vermelles, in the region of Labasse, and the driving of the French from a position northeast of Badonvillers, in the Vosges. London admits the capture by the Germans of three mine craters at the Hohenzollern redoubt.

French Cannon Busy.

The French guns have been busy bombarding German trenches in Champagne and German depots northeast of St. Mihiel.

Five French air craft dropped bombs on Metz, ammunition depots near Chateau Salins and the aerodrome at Dieuze, while twenty-three other machines attacked the aviation camp at Habsheim and the freight station at Mulhausen. In the attack which followed the Germans and the French each lost three or four machines. A German airship attacked the Entente allied fleet south of Saloniki, but with what result Berlin does not say.

Three officers and forty-four men of the crew of the French torpedo boat destroyer Renaudin were lost when a Teutonic submarine sent the vessel to the bottom of the Adriatic. In a raid by four German seaplanes over Dover, Ramsgate and Westgate at least nine persons were killed and thirty-one injured. One of the seaplanes was brought down thirty miles at sea by pursuing British aviators. The German observer was killed.

The German admiralty officially denies that a German submarine was responsible for the sinking of the Dutch passenger steamer Tubantia.

SIDE-SPLITTING SCENES AT THE FAYSSOUX SHOW.

It remained for Fayssoux, the phycic marvel, to bring out in his exhibitions the comic possibilities of hypnotism. The old time hypnotists, with their limited abilities, had made feeble attempts in this direction before the coming of Fayssoux, but they were extremely feeble in comparison to the mirth-provoking scenes originated by the greatest living demonstrator, the brilliant Fayssoux.

"It beats the best comedy I ever saw." "It's funnier than a barrel of monkeys with their tails chopped off." "A whirlwind of gaiety." "Fayssoux makes you laugh until your sides ache." "It's the greatest comedy of all;" are some of the expressions heard in the theatre lobby after the show.

Fayssoux, the famous hypnotist and mental telepathist, will begin an engagement next Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Star Theatre.

PAVING IN CHESTER.

Chester, March 18.—Considerable cement paving will be done this spring in Chester. The first street will be the south side of Saluda and then other streets will be taken up.