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INCREASE OF UNORCIDES.

Hardly a day passes without the appearance in the newspapers of accounts of murders in families in different places throughout the country.

The case of Arthur Warren Waite, who has confessed the murder of the father and mother of his young wife, while the latter, it is believed, was also marked for death at his hands, is still fresh in the minds of readers of newspapers.

It is suggested that there have been many strange human types in history, and especially in the history of criminology, tending to complicate the study of that evasive something which is commonly referred to as the soul.

The unflinching gentleness, the apparent loving kindness of this confessed murderer to the mother and father of his wife won their strong affection; they were both devoted to him. It appears from the wife's statement that during the while he was administering slow poisons to Mrs. Peck he was bringing her roses, selecting her favorite records to be played on the graphophone and in other ways showing the most thoughtful attention.

The trial of Waite is to come up soon. What the defense will be is yet to be revealed. The wife is completely disillusioned, but apparently in no attitude of vindictiveness toward the man to whom she was devoted, but of whom she now says "he has taken everything from me."

Nearly sixty years ago Rev. Jacob S. Harden, a minister of the gospel, residing in one of the New England states, grew tired of his young wife. One day he pulled her into his lap and handed her a fine apple which she ate. She subsequently died. Harden vanished shortly after the funeral.

and his whereabouts could not be ascertained. Suspicion was aroused, the body was exhumed, a diagnosis made and it was found that the apple had contained poison. Harden was later located, arrested and returned to his former home. He finally confessed to the murder and was hanged.

REBEL YELL WILL BE HEARD

The United Confederate Veterans at Birmingham, Ala. yesterday voted to hold their reunion in 1917 in the city of Washington. The former wearers of the gray had previously adopted resolutions of loyalty to the United States and announced their readiness to fight for the Stars and Stripes should their services be needed.

The determination of the Old Confederates to meet in the capital city will meet with the approbation of the great majority of those interested in these annual reunions, as well as multitudes who have been borne since the close of the war between the states and others too young to know much about the stirring scenes of 1861-1865. Great crowds of persons from the southern country will be in Washington next May to witness the gathering of the veterans and the parade on Pennsylvania avenue where they will be reviewed by the President.

Over thirty-one years have passed away since this cry has been heard in the capital city. One the Fourth of March, 1865, at the first inauguration of Grover Cleveland the late General Fitzhugh Lee was marshal of the former Confederates who attended the inaugural ceremonies. In their enthusiasm over the fact that another democrat was about to become chief executive of the nation, the former wearers of the gray gave vent to their feelings in the famous yell. The effect upon the great multitude was electrical.

Fitzhugh Lee, the gallant Confederate brigadier general, will not be there this time, but another illustrious Virginian, who has played a conspicuous part during the past four years in the history of his own country and achieved international renown—Woodrow Wilson—will be serving his second term as President of the United States.

GERMANY'S SUGGESTION

It is generally admitted that Germany's latest suggestion to neutral governments, including that of this country, is altogether reasonable. In effect, it amounts to this: that masters of peaceful ships be notified that they must obey the orders of submarine commanders to stop, and, further, they they will put their ships beyond the pale of protection, recently guaranteed anew, if they shape their course toward the submarine.

From the beginning, this country has insisted on the immunity of peaceful ships only in case they did not resist, or attempt to escape, a belligerent warship. This is emphasized in the German suggestion. And the fragility of submarines and their vulnerability to any sort of attack, including the ramming by another vessel, makes clear the reason for the demand that a ship, when summoned, shall not turn in the direction of the overhauling submarine.

It is perhaps, an encouraging sign of Germany's intention to abide by her agreement as to submarine warfare that she now insists on such observance of the reasonable rules for the government of peaceful vessels as will enable her to pursue the course outlined in her latest instructions to submarine commanders with due regard for their own safety.

NEWS OF THE DAY

The Senate yesterday, without a roll-call, agreed to the conference report on the army reorganization bill.

Many cities and towns in the provinces of Shansi and Shangtung have declared their independence of the Yuan Kai government.

A dispatch from Geneva states that all Turks of 60 and older residing in that Swiss city have been recalled for military service.

Stories of the murder of ten Chinese merchants at San Antonio, Mexico, by bandits believed to have been followers of Villa, were brought to the border yesterday by returning truckmen.

The Paris correspondent of the London Exchange Telegraph Company, who announced that Gen. Mar-

chand of the French army had been killed at the front, reported that his information was incorrect.

Ten tons of tobacco, part of a consignment shipped from America as a gift to the English soldiers, was found to be heavily drugged when examined by British authorities, and was burned at Woolwich arsenal, just outside London.

A terrific explosion yesterday morning destroyed the plant of the Georgia Fiber Company at Atlanta, Ga. The plant was engaged in bleaching cotton linters for the du Pont Powder Company for manufacture into gun-cotton. No one was killed.

The pinch of war has caused Italy to put an embargo on the export of macaroni, one of her chief food products. A cablegram from the American Consul-General at Genoa, telling of the embargo, said it would remain in force for an indefinite period.

With the arrival of Russians in France there are now soldiers of 15 different countries on the west front. They are: English, Irishmen, Scotchmen, Welshmen, French, Belgians, Russians, Hindoos, Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders, Algerians and Germans.

The new offensive movement of the Austrians on the Italian front is continuing successfully and a number of other positions have been captured, an official statement from Vienna says. More than 6,000 men, 13 cannon and 17 machine guns have been taken.

The flood control bill authorizing the expenditure of \$45,000,000 within five years for raising the levees of the Lower Mississippi, and \$5,600,000 for the improvement of the Sacramento River was passed by the House yesterday by a rising vote of 180 to 53.

The Methodist General Conference in Saratoga, N. Y., spent yesterday balloting without avail for bishops of the church. Seven are to be chosen but when the result of the fourth ballot was announced at 10 o'clock last night none of the 50 or more candidates had secured the necessary two-thirds vote.

William Jennings Bryan is not going to the Democratic National Convention as an alternate delegate from Nebraska, according to an announcement made by him. Neither is Charles W. Bryan, defeated candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in Nebraska, planning to run independently.

Sir Roger Casement and Daniel Bailey have been committed for formal trial on charges of high treason. Both Sir Roger and his soldier confederate will now go on trial for their lives in the High Court of Justice. If convicted, they probably will be sentenced to death. Casement receiving the privilege of his rank of being hanged with a silken cord.

A dispatch from Great Yarmouth says the Dutch steamer Pataviev V, 1,500 tons, has been blown up in the North Sea. Four members of the crew were lost. The American embassy in London has been informed that Luigi Martini Mancini, an American citizen, was drowned. Two other American citizens who were on board the steamship were saved.

The 5-year program adopted last year, calling for 1,000,000 new members, \$2,000,000 endowment for retired pastors and missionaries, \$6,000,000 for educational work and 5,000 American missionaries, has made marked progress during the last few months, according to reports submitted to the Northern Baptist convention in Minneapolis, Minn., by the general committee in charge of the program yesterday. The reports showed 106,791 accessions to the church, an increase of 21.763 or 25 per cent, above the previous year.

President Wilson has replied to Pope Benedict's recent message expressing the hope that the United States would not be drawn into the European conflict as a result of the submarine issue with Germany. The reply is understood to gratefully acknowledge the Pope's interest on behalf of a peaceful solution of the controversy and to add that the United States has done and will do everything, consistent with the honor and integrity of the country to maintain peace.

In the Pennsylvania primary election contest United States Senator Boies Penrose was victorious in the most determined effort that has ever been made to overthrow his leadership of the Republican party. On the Republican Presidential preferential ballot only one name was printed.

that of Brumbaugh, and there was much interest in the extent to which voters would write on the ballot the name of the party leaders whom they favored. In Philadelphia in a total vote of 178,355 Brumbaugh got 68,776 voters; Henry Ford, 3,123; Roosevelt, 2,036, and Hughes, 507.

VIRGINIA NEWS

E. S. Green, of Roanoke, was yesterday afternoon elected president of the Virginia Retail Jewelers' Association at the second session of the ninth annual convention of the association, which was held in Richmond.

Conditions in the Tenth District for the first time in fifteen years, offer a reasonably fair opportunity for contesting the congressional nomination according to State Senator Aubrey E. Strode, of Amherst, who made public yesterday a statement in which he indicates, provided the next two weeks shall strengthen his present belief that there is an earnest desire that he run, that he will enter the lists against Hal D. Flood, the incumbent.

Calls were issued yesterday by State Chairman E. R. McIntyre to all in sympathy with the Prohibition Convention to be held in Richmond on May 23. Delegates will be appointed at this time to the national convention in St. Paul, Minn., July 19th. Prominent among the speakers who will address the Virginia convention will be Mrs. Ropp, of the Women's Prohibition Federation of America, and National Chairman Hinshaw.

Judge Frederick Wilmer Sims, of Louisa, will accept the appointment to fill the unexpired term of Judge James Keith on the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals bench, according to a letter received yesterday afternoon at the Governors office, in Richmond. Judge Sims expressed appreciation of the appointment by Governor Stuart, and declared that he is ready to assume his new duties at once, even though it will be at a considerable sacrifice. In the letter Judge Sims explained that he had hoped that Judge Keith would consent to remain on the bench until the expiration of his term. Judge Sims will come to Richmond as soon as he disposes of some business matters in Louisa.

POPE WANTS PEACE

Maintains Strict Neutrality and Impartiality. Rome, May 18—The Vatican state chancery authorizes me to cable the following: "Ever since his ascension to the throne the Pope has steadily devoted his efforts to a prompt cessation of hostilities. Since then the pontiff has never missed an occasion of intervening in favor of an early peace. Every movement tending to engender peace has his most cordial support and sympathy."

"During these two years, besides working for peace, the Pope, as head of the church, has also worked to prevent further complications. The holy father has advised, advises and will advise an exchange of views between the belligerent nations. "In his efforts in favor of peace the pontiff was actuated by the noblest motives and the supreme interests of humanity and civilization. The papal official documents prove that the Pope has steadily maintained the strictest neutrality and impartiality. "His holiness has openly condemned the cruel practices of war, the slaughter of innocent, the use of asphyxiating gases, the bombardment of open cities, the violation of the neutrality of small nations and has raised his voice in favor of Belgium and Armenia. "In his letter to rulers the pontiff deprecated the desire of the belligerent nations to exterminate each other, and counseled a friendly exchange of views as the only means to achieve peace. "In his allocution delivered at the last consistory the pontiff advocated a just and lasting peace, not favorable to a single belligerent but to all. "Nothing justifies a different interpretation of the Pope's peace efforts". New York, May 18—Cardinal Farley, addressing the annual luncheon of the Alumni Association of the American College in Rome here yesterday, said: "The greatest force for peace in the world today is his holiness, Pope Benedict. Years ago the Pope was excluded from all peace conventions. Today all rulers go to his holiness for help and advice. "International socialism has failed in its main object. The statement of a French Catholic publicist that all international agencies have crumbled except the papacy is true. "At the suggestion of his holiness

150,000 prisoners have been exchanged and allowed to return to their homes."

The elevation of Cardinal Farley's secretary the Rev. Thomas H. Carroll, D. D., to the rank of monsignor was announced.

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