

PRESIDENT'S REAL PRIVATE SECRETARY

MRS. WILSON THE FIRST LADY OF LAND.

Always on The Job.

Wife of President Constantly Alert to Lighten Burdens and Assist in Handling Weighty Affairs.

Washington, March 23.—One of the foremost statesmen in Washington is a woman—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the President of the United States.

When history comes to be written, and the true facts of the Wilson administration are set in their proper shades, people here who are in a position to know declare that the "first lady of the land" will be seen to have been in deed, as well as in name, all the exalted title implies. During the President's illness, and what is not generally known, for long before the President took his bed, Mrs. Wilson had been to her eminent husband what a soft pedal is to a piano. She has been the buffer, if you like the simile better, between the President and a very exigent world, pitiless in its demands and limitless in its expectations.

Today it is something to brag about to get past the door of the President's private study. The President generally begins his day's work at the desk around 9:30, and Mrs. Wilson unobtrusively stands guard to see that he is not interrupted save upon most pressing need.

When Mrs. Wilson says "No," those about the White House do not insist. She is one person of feminine gender whose negative does not mean "yes." Mrs. Wilson is looking out for the health of her husband first and for the political advantages of the President afterward.

Many stories are told of the devotion of the President's wife.

On more than one occasion, it is said, she has refused to allow distinguished statesmen to carry worry-some communications into the sick room. With strict orders from Admiral Grayson, the White House physician, not to allow anyone to disturb the President's rest, she held her ground and carried out her point. Instead of the callers seeing the chief executive in person, it was Mrs. Wilson who took the messages, delivered them to the President, got his replies and transmitted them in person to those interested.

It is said that when John Barton Payne, now secretary of the interior, called at the White House in connection with his appointment to that position he did not see Mr. Wilson in person. He saw Mrs. Wilson, and it was at her table he accepted the portfolio.

Rear Admiral Benson, in a similar way, accepted the job Payne left vacant when he became secretary of the interior. The chairmanship of the shipping board was offered to the admiral and accepted, it is said, through Mrs. Wilson, who is the real private secretary to the President. The well known "Joe" Tumulty is in fact, the public secretary.

Every day Mrs. Wilson helps the President over the physical jolts of his office. She writes at his dictation sometimes, and otherwise helps out. The now famous Jackson Day Dinner message from the White House was first entirely penned in longhand by Mrs. Wilson before it went to the usual stenographer to be typewritten.

This does not mean, of course that Mrs. Wilson is doing the work of the President. Far from it. He has never relinquished for a minute the task of formulating and putting over his own ideas in all important matters. But it does mean that at all times "The First Lady of the Land" has always been present to take every possible particle of burden off his shoulders.

Fate seems to have had a hand in all this. To begin with Mrs. Wilson was known to have a positive distaste for, rather than a penchant toward, affairs of state. She never inquired nor interfered in such matters. Circumstances, however, forced her to do what she had never thought of doing before. Her wifely interest in her husband was her guide and she followed it without wavering night and day.

When the President went abroad and, later on, took the swing around the country speaking for the league of nations which ended in his physical breakdown, Mrs. Wilson, even

TEN DROWN; FLAT CAPSIZES.

Terrible Tragedy Occurs at Harper's Ferry.

McCormick, April 5.—While on a pleasure trip yesterday afternoon traveling in two automobiles and crossing Savannah river at Harper's ferry, six miles west of Lowndesville, 10 out of 11 persons in the party were drowned in the waters of the Savannah river.

The young people were on their way from South Carolina to Elbert county, Georgia, and had started across Savannah river on the flat. The post holding the cable by which the flat was operated gave way and the flat drifted down the river until it struck a rock and capsized. Those reported drowned are: Albert Sutherland, about 18 years old; Miss Alice Meschine, about 15 years of age, and her brother, Charlie Meschine, about 19 years old; Lester Waters and his wife, young couple who had been married only six weeks; Inez Manning, aged 9, and her brother, Robert Manning, age 22; Miss Allie Bradshaw, aged 18, and her sister, Miss Lucy Bradshaw, aged 15. The only person in the party who was saved was Thomas Bradshaw, a brother of Misses Allie Bradshaw and Lucy Bradshaw.

It is thought that the high waters of the Savannah river and the strong current rushing against the flat loaded with the party and two automobiles, in which they were traveling, caused the cable post to give way. All of the drowned are from prominent families residing in and around the town of Lowndesville, Abbeville county, and as soon as the matter was reported the whole country turned into a searching party trying to recover the bodies of those drowned. On account of the swollen river none of the bodies had been recovered late this afternoon.

The tragedy has caused a gloom over the entire community.

Mary Pickford Married Again.

Los Angeles, March 30.—Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks have been married, it became known here late today. They obtained a license here last Saturday and the ceremony was performed Sunday by the Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougner, pastor of the Temple Baptist church.

Miss Pickford early this month obtained a divorce at Minden, Nev., from Owen Moore. Mr. Fairbanks' former wife obtained a divorce nearly two years ago in the East.

Miss Pickford and Mr. Fairbanks were married at 10:30 o'clock last Sunday night at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Brougner. Those present included Robert Fairbanks, a brother of the bridegroom, the bride's mother, Mrs. Charlotte Smith, the Rev. Henry M. Cook, assistant pastor of the Temple Baptist church, and R. S. Sharks, deputy county clerk, who issued the license. Mr. Fairbanks acted as groomsman for his brother and Margery Daw, a motion picture actress, was bridesmaid.

The bride was dressed in white. The ceremony took place as soon as the pastor could reach his home after conducting the evening services at the church.

After the ceremony the minister read passages from the epistle to the Ephesians, using a Bible which the bridegroom's mother had given him as she was dying.

It is understood the couple went immediately from the minister's home to Fairbanks' residence in Beverly Hills, near Los Angeles, where, it is said, they intend to spend a quiet honeymoon.

The Wise Specialist.

"Madam," announced the specialist, after an examination, "what you need is oxygen. You must come here twice a day for your inhalations. They will cost you \$5 each."

"Very well," replied the delighted Mrs. Uppedyup. "I knew that fool Doctor Blank didn't understand my case at all. He told me that all I needed was plain fresh air."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

then, it is said, with womanly intuition, scented danger, and tried to lighten the load which her husband had taken upon himself. If anything happened to the President, she would be present; and when it came, unexpected by the most of the people, she would be there.

Secretary to the President Tumulty, loaded down with work since the President's illness, says he doesn't know what he would have done without Mrs. Wilson's aid and understanding.

BOLL WEEVIL MAKES GAIN IN SOUTHEAST

RAPID AVANCE NOTED IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Infection is Spreading.

Approximately 35,400 Square Miles Captured by Pest During 1919.

Washington, April 3.—Boll weevil infestation gained in the cotton belt except Arkansas and Texas last year, and is now approaching the limits of cotton production on the northern edge of the belt, the department of agriculture reports.

Approximately 34,500 square miles became infested during the year, the most important development being the very rapid advance northward along the eastern portion of the line of infestation in Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. West of the Mississippi river there was comparatively little change from the previous year's line of infestation. A slight recession occurred entirely across Arkansas. The weevil lost ground in Arkansas to the extent of 5,300 square miles and in Texas over about 250 square miles. About 115,000 square miles remain uninfested.

The weevil was found to occur in the mountains of Arizona on a wild cotton plant, but has not yet attacked the cultivated cotton in that state. It was found in Eddy county, New Mexico, in 1918, but evidently failed to become established under the adverse conditions prevailing in that district and no specimens were found there during 1919.

SHUMATE IN CHARLOTTE.

To Face Charge of Violating the Mann White Slave Act.

York, March 27.—J. A. Shumate, former resident of Bowling Green, arrested in Cleveland, Ohio, recently on a charge of violating the Mann white slave act, through the agency of the Rev. O. L. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist church of Clover and formerly member of the Atlanta detective force, has been brought to Charlotte, where he will be put on trial. There are no charges against the two young women, who, it is alleged, he took with him.

Shumate is alleged to have carried the two girls from Bowling Green to Atlanta, Ga., making the trip across country in an automobile. From there the trio went to Cleveland, where they were arrested after being discovered by Mr. Jones, who interested himself in the case on account of the fact that one of the parties was a member of his church.

Fire Destroys Shop in Town of Cope.

Cope, April 1.—This morning shortly after 4 o'clock the town folks were awakened by the firing of guns and pistols which was done for the purpose of letting them know there was a fire. W. W. Kittrell lost his wheelwright and blacksmith shop combined which was all under one roof, and some 70 or 80 feet to the rear of his dwelling. Mr. Kittrell lost all of his tools and some material he had on hand, also about a thousand feet of ash and oak that he had on hand. A buggy that he was repairing, was also destroyed. There was no insurance on same, and therefore Mr. Kittrell suffered a total loss of something like a thousand or fifteen hundred dollars. When discovered the whole building was in flames, and the roof fell in soon after the fire was first seen by Willie Gray who gave the alarm. Crowds went to the scene but could render no assistance as the fire had full control. Mr. Kittrell had his hands very near blistered by the flames rushing out as he opened the front door. There was no wind at the time and a small house or two nearby were saved by throwing water on them.

Greenwood and Chester Gain.

Washington, April 2.—The following census returns were made public to night:

Chester, S. C., 5,557; increase 803, or 16.9 per cent.

Greenwood, S. C., 8,703; increase 2,089, or 31.6 per cent over 1910.

—Misses Virginia Jones, Vista, Evelyn and Leona Brabham, students of Converse college, Spartanburg, spent the Easter vacation at their homes in the city.

CHANGE OF VENUE REFUSED.

Gossetts Will Be Tried in Abbeville, Judge Sease Rules.

Abbeville, April 6.—Judge Thomas S. Sease late today denied the motion for a change of venue in the case of the state against John and Kenneth Gossett, charged with criminal assault. Simultaneously with his denial of this motion Judge Sease announced that he would not have either a company of militia or a part of a company as an armed guard at the Abbeville court. He did not relish the idea of uniforms, pistols, swords and bayonets in a civil court. It smacks too much of militarism or Prussianism, he said, and if the prisoners should be brought to Abbeville under military guard the militia would not be allowed to come into the court room. Sheriff Burts was instructed to swear in a sufficient number of deputies to keep the situation well in hand.

The defense has three days after the opening of the court Monday morning in which to go to trial, and Mr. Bonham informed the court that the defense would not be ready before Thursday.

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This has been quite a busy month. All schools in the county have been visited and members enrolled in the different clubs. Quite a lot of interest has been manifested and club members are beginning work in earnest.

The Gardening Club enrollment is the largest, having a total of one hundred and eighteen members. Some of the members are unable to have the entire tenth acre plot due to the fact that they haven't the available ground but most of them are going to have the tenth acre. The main vegetables to be grown on this space are tomatoes, beans, okra, corn and pimientos, but many are using quite a variety of vegetables. The seed, instructions, record books, etc., have been given out and work started.

The Poultry Club has the next largest enrollment with a total of one hundred and eight members who are going to each have three settings of pure bred eggs. They realize that there is more money in pure bred poultry than in the mongrel and I have already ordered between five and six hundred eggs from the best breeders in the State. The poultry men are much interested in the promotion of this work and have been so considerate as to make a reduction to all club members in order to encourage it.

Next comes the Peanut Club with an enrollment of fifty-five members who are to grow one tenth acre or more of peanuts, and kind of peanuts may be used but we recommend the Spanish variety as one well suited to this soil and easy to gather.

The total enrollment of boys and girls in club work is two hundred and eighty-one and the outlook for the year is very bright.

It is my intention to organize the work among the ladies as soon as possible. I shall be in Aiken Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week at a district meeting but hope to begin the next. Meanwhile if there is anyone in any community where a club is wanted I shall appreciate it if they will write me.

TRI-COUNTY LEAGUE ORGANIZED.

Will Be Composed of Six Towns. Season to Open May 4th.

Representatives from Blackville, Denmark, Allendale and Fairfax met at Barnwell Monday afternoon and organized the "Tri-County Base Ball League." Sol Blatt, Esq., being elected president and J. D. Robinson secretary. It was proposed that the league be composed of teams from the towns of Allendale, Barnwell, Bamberg, Blackville, Denmark and Williston, but should any of these towns fail to come in by April 25th, an invitation will be extended to others. Fairfax is very anxious to join, but wants to be allowed to hire players. A resolution was adopted, however, that the teams must be composed of players living within a radius of three miles of the town.

A tentative schedule was prepared at the meeting, which calls for a series of about 20 games, beginning May 4th and closing about July 9th. It is proposed that each team play one game at home each week and one on the road.

NEGRO LYNCHED BY LAURENS MOB

JOE STEWARD HANGED FROM RIVER BRIDGE.

Inquiry to be Made.

Inquest Adjourned Pending Investigation—Fight With White Men Causes Trouble.

Laurens, April 2.—After an interval of nearly seven years, a Laurens negro has been executed without due process of law. Joe Steward, aged 25, who had been employed for a year by a local coal dealer, was last night about midnight, as near as can be ascertained, taken from a station house cell, carried to the foot of Cemetery hill and hanged from the North Harper bridge over Little river. The rain soaked body was cut down and taken to an undertaker this morning.

Upon the arrival of the coroner, inquest proceedings were started with Solicitor Blackwell representing the state in the examining of witnesses. After four or five men had testified, including Chief of Police Blakely and Sheriff Reid, on motion of the solicitor, adjournment was taken until a future date with a view to ascertaining, if possible, additional evidence in the case.

Dr. W. D. Ferguson, who examined Steward's body, testified that five stab wounds were on the body and his neck had been broken. Death was due to hanging and the wounds were not serious in his opinion.

The lynching of Steward was the result of a fight earlier in the night with a party of young white men, three of whom were more or less painfully cut with a knife wielded by Steward. The fight occurred on a back street near Harrison Punter's shop. The negro received five stab wounds from which he bled freely until medical attention was given him.

It is said that the fight came about by Steward taking up for another negro, who, it is alleged, offended a young white boy by crushing against him as the negro was leaving the opera house about 7 o'clock. The boys, it is said, started to get the offending negro when the encountered Steward, who challenged the boys and used abusive language which led to an immediate fight. All wounded parties had to have the attention of doctors. Up until 11 o'clock everything appeared quiet and most people went home. Chief Blakely and another policeman were on duty. The officers left the station house for a short time and when the chief returned the negro was gone. He had been removed from the cell, the door of which was forced open, and taken out through the rear of the building. So quietly was the work done that no one has been found who heard any unusual noises about the station at the alleged time of Steward's removal from his cell. It was not thought necessary by the officers to place the negro in jail as everything was apparently quiet and there was no apprehension of further trouble.

WIFE COMES TO AID.

Negro Shot While Attacking Sheriff in Georgia Jail.

Statesboro, Ga., April 4.—In an apparent attempt at jail delivery while prisoners were being fed this noon, Charlie Smith, 18 year old negro, struck down Sheriff DeLoach. A window weight to which a weight was attached, was the weapon used. Mrs. DeLoach heard the cries for help and rushed in with the sheriff's pistol, shooting the negro twice, once in the hand and once in the thigh. The sheriff will recover. The window weight came from the cell of John H. Hoover, a white man from Ohio, who is held on a charge of forgery.

MUST LIVE ON LOVE.

Baron to Marry on Twenty Dollars a Year Salary.

Budapest, April 3.—The youngest daughter of Archduke Frederick, the Archduchess Marie Alice, has become engaged to Baron Frederick Albert, who is a scion of an old Prussian family. Fredrick is 30 years of age and at present is employed in a commercial bank in Budapest. He has a salary of 5,000 kronen annually, which under the present exchange rate is worth about \$20.

The father of the bride-to-be was the richest man in the former monarchy.

FOUND AFTER LONG SEARCH.

Much Excavating in Lava Finally Crowned With Success.

Santa Fe, N. M., April 1.—Authentically proven to have been overwhelmed in a prehistoric volcanic eruption, the skeletons of a boy and girl, unearthed in the volcanic bad lands near San Rafael, were brought to Santa Fe today and are being prepared for shipment to Washington, D. C. The skeletons were found in a white stone house, in a good state of preservation. A sheep owner made the discovery last week. The existence of this white house among the lava beds has long been a tradition and expeditions from Washington have in vain sought it for years.

The house was partly buried in hardened lava and reached with great difficulty. The skeletons were covered with a thick yellow plaster, the hair of the girl being well preserved and of a reddish brown color. Beside the girl's head were two large turquoise ear rings. The body had been covered with fur or feathers.

Arrangements are being made for further excavations.

WOMEN CONTROL MEETING.

Democratic Convention Turned Into Pro-Suffrage Gathering.

Durham, N. C., April 3.—Fifteen women, accepting an invitation from S. C. Bradley, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, to attend the county Democratic convention held here this afternoon, captivated the meeting and turned it into a 100 per cent pro-suffrage gathering. The women obtained representation on every important committee and were accorded fourteen members on the list of delegates named to attend the state convention. Mrs. J. S. Cunningham, president of the State Equal Suffrage League, was a member of the platform committee and was author of a plank urging the next legislature to increase salaries of teachers.

AFTERNOON KISSING SAFER.

Unsanitary Until Sunshine and Fresh Air Sterilize the Lips.

New York, March 25.—Kissing is unsanitary until sunshine and fresh air have sterilized the lips, according to Dr. Lawson Brown, of Saranac Lake, who told the New York Medical society at today's session of its convention that "it's a good thing for the human race that courting is done at night and in the late afternoon."

Speaking on tuberculosis, Dr. Brown described a kissing test made at Saranac to determine whether the disease can be transmitted by contact of the lips.

"We selected a pretty young woman with a bad case of tuberculosis and had her kiss a sterile dish," said Dr. Brown. "We found the morning kisses gave forth a few germs, but those of the afternoon and evening were a healthy risk."

THOUGHT DEAD—IS ALIVE.

Father Hears From Son Now in California.

York, April 3.—After having lived for the last five years under the belief that his son was dead, John W. Lawrence, prominent farmer and Confederate veteran of northern York county, received a letter from his boy, dated Rio Dios, Cal., and stating that he was getting along nicely. The younger Lawrence went on to say that he had been anticipating coming home from week to week and for that reason had not written, since he did not consider it necessary.

Lawrence went west about nineteen years ago. A long period elapsed before the family had any word from him and then he wrote intermittently until five years ago, when his letters ceased. The family had given him up as dead and the mother has died since last he wrote.

Advantages of Telephoning.

"Did you have words with your cook when you discharged her?" "Oh, no," said Mrs. Glipping. "I was too quick for her."

"How so?" "I rang off" before she had a chance to tell me what she thought of me, the members of my family, my home, my income and my position in society."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Statistics show that the average time spent per conversation by women on four-party telephone lines in Philadelphia is forty-five minutes.