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### WACO PUBLIC SQUARE SCENE OF EXECUTION

[By Associated Press.]  
WACO, TEXAS, MAY 15.—WITH FIFTEEN THOUSAND PERSONS AS WITNESSES, JESSE WASHINGTON, THE YOUNG NEGRO WHO CONFESSED TO CRIMINALLY ASSAULTING AND MURDERING MRS. LUCY FRYAR, SEVEN MILES SOUTH OF HERE ON LAST MONDAY, WAS TAKEN FROM THE COURT ROOM SHORTLY BEFORE NOON HERE TODAY AND BURNED ON THE PUBLIC SQUARE.  
THE BURNING CAME IMMEDIATELY AFTER A SPEEDY TRIAL IN WHICH THE NEGRO WAS CONVICTED AND GIVEN THE DEATH

PENALTY. SOME ONE STARTED A CRY, "GET THE NEGRO," AND IT WAS TAKEN UP ALL OVER THE COURT ROOM. THE CROWD FIRST SEEMED WILLING TO HANG HIM FROM THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE, BUT A SUGGESTION THAT HE BE BURNED MET WITH INSTANT RESPONSE. HE WAS DRAGGED TO THE CITY JAIL YARD, CHAINED TO A TREE, WOOD SECURED AND THE FIRE STARTED. WHEN THE FLAMES HAD SUBSIDED SOMEWHAT, A NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE CROWD CUT OFF THE NEGRO'S FINGERS AND OTHER PARTS OF HIS BODY.

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### SECOND EXPEDITON INTO MEXICO CHECKED

[By Associated Press.]  
Marathon, Texas, May 15.—The expedition in search of the bandits that raided Glenn Falls, has checked its dash into Mexico and is now awaiting reinforcements, according to reports received today. A message has been sent to General Funston by Colonel Siber, it was learned here, asking for aid.

**Scott in Washington.**  
[By Associated Press.]  
Washington, May 15.—General Scott returned to Washington today from El Paso without having secured a formal agreement with General Oregon for co-operative action in Mexico. He held a conference with Secretary of War Baker, but made no formal report. He will see Secretary of State Lansing tomorrow and in the meantime steps will be taken to reopen diplomatic negotiations for a formal agreement with Carranza.

I will thank you to return green porch chair. No questions asked. J. T. Hines.

### OBJECTIONS ARE HEARD BY COUNCIL

More Than a Dozen Property Owners  
Appear Before Council to Enter  
Protests Against Paving.

At an adjourned regular session of the City Council held this morning at the city hall for the purpose of hearing grievances and protests against the paving of a number of streets there were more than a dozen property owners appeared and gave their reasons why they objected to having the work done. The members of the Council listened attentively to the various pleas but not in a single instance was there any action taken. One property owner who had had a curb constructed some time ago and was assessed to rebuild same so as to comply with the new gutter and paving levels, was there and took the matter up. After considerable discussion the Council agreed to settle the same by standing a part of the cost of rebuilding.

Several warm discussions were had among those who own property and members of the council, and after all who were present were heard, the Council adjourned until 4:30 this afternoon.

A BENEFIT TONIGHT.

The young ladies of the Episcopal Altar Guild will be given a percentage of the receipts at the Dixie tonight, and ask your assistance in filling this popular playhouse to the brim. A complete change of program will be shown by the management so that those having attended this afternoon may return and see an extra good bill tonight. Tomorrow is Mary Page day, the eleventh episode. Don't fail to see all of the rest; it is drawing to a close.

### URGES CONSERVA- TION OF SOILS

Farm Demonstration Agent Discusses  
Land Waste in Brazos  
County.

The writer has been over considerable of the country since the heavy rains of Monday and Tuesday last. And, while he knows that the rain was a great blessing, for it came when the land was getting very dry, yet with all the blessing that it brought, it was accompanied by one very serious disadvantage, and it is of this disadvantage that he wishes to confine himself in this article. In all the forty odd years that he has been familiar with the seasons in Brazos County, he does not believe that he ever saw any one rain that was any more destructive to the soil. The erosion caused from this rain is something awful and should impress itself on the minds of every farmer in Brazos County in such a manner that he would set about devising ways and means by which this erosion can be stopped. As I see it, and as I have before stated in several different articles, it is or should be the first, the most important as well as the most serious problem to be solved by every hill land farmer in Brazos County.

I repeat, and I wish I could ring it in the ears of the farmers everywhere until they really become alarmed over the situation to the extent of determining that they will set about in an effort to improve and maintain their soil. I repeat that there is only one hope of Brazos County ever being a prosperous country any more, and that will come after his soils have been improved.

When we say that this soil can be built up by terracing and rotating crops, by growing soil-building plants, we are talking about reasonable facts and something that can be done by

every farmer in the country. It is being done right here in this county, and in sections of some of the older Southern States. Soils that were worn completely out many years ago are now completely restored and are producing more today than they ever did before.

The demonstration agent will run these levels and lay off these terraces for any farmer in the county without one cent of cost. Of course it will cost some labor to build these terraces as they should be built, but the cost is nothing compared to the benefit derived, when this work can be done and done successfully and done at such little cost. I don't know how any sensible man could go into his field after this big rain and see the terrible destruction wrought on his soil and be contented to go and plow up more soil for the next rain to wash away, and not make some effort in terracing to save this soil before it is completely gone. Especially is this puzzling to me when he knows there is a remedy and the remedy is within his reach. Then we remember that this soil is about the only source of income that the average farmer has, and still worse, it is about all the heritage he will have to leave to his children.

A. W. BUCHANAN,  
Demonstration Agent Brazos County.

### MONROE STREET TO BE PAVED

Very Liberal Petition Presented To  
Council. Work is Ordered To  
Proceed Without Delay.

A petition signed by the resident property owners on Monroe street was presented to the city council this morning asking them to pass a resolution or ordinance authorizing the paving and grading of Monroe street from the E. line of Dallas street to the E. line of Ennis street and also on Ennis street from Monroe to Adams. The petition read in part as follows: "We also agree to waive all notice required under title 22, chapter 11, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the state of Texas governing the making of the said improvements; and we fully accept all of the provisions of said chapter covering the manner of making said improvements.

The signers of the petition also agreed to waive the publication of notice to the property owners of a hearing. Those presenting the petition explained to the council that it was their desire to pave as they did not want other sections of the city to get ahead of them and that they were ready for the work to begin at once.

The council ordered the city engineer to get plans and specifications ready and submit them so that the work could be gotten under way as quickly as possible.

The portion of Monroe Street to be paved starts between the residences of M. H. James and T. P. Boyett on Dallas Street, and runs east by the East Side public school to the resi-

### SIR ROGER CASEMENT ON TRIAL FOR TREASON

[By Associated Press.]  
London, May 15.—The trial in police court of Sir Roger Casement, who is charged with high treason in connection with the alleged landing of arms in Ireland from German submarines started today. The trial is preliminary to the general court martial. Spectators were surprised to see the second defendant in person, Daniel Julian Bailey, an Irish soldier who is charged with being the man accompanying Sir Roger off the German submarine, and was arrested yesterday. When in opening the case for prosecution, the attorney general mentioned conferring knighthood on Casement, Prier dropped his head.

The attorney said Casement visited the Irish prisoners in Germany and told them that it would be best for Ireland if Germany won in the war. He attempted to form a brigade of those prisoners and told them if Germany won in the sea battle that they would be sent back to Ireland, and that if Germany did not win they would be given passage to America and a hundred dollars each added to that. Of the four thousand Irish addressed, only fifty joined the brigade. A dramatic touch was given when the attorney general displayed the rebels' green flag. Casement refused to look for a few minutes, then glanced upward smiling derisively. After the formal evidence was presented Casement rose and said, "Bailey not guilty."

presence of Egbert Jones and then south on Ennis Street to the Bryan Baptist Academy.

The petition was signed by the following: H. O. Boatwright, John A. Moore, Jr., Eugene Edge, Mrs. J. F. Parks, W. A. Withers, M. E. Weaver, C. Egbert Jones, H. H. Newton, H. A. Burger, T. R. Batte, S. C. Williams, Bryan Baptist Academy by A. W. Buchanan, president board of trustees, M. E. Weaver, president Bryan Academy, and H. O. Boatwright, trustee.

He was wrongfully included in the indictment."

**War Summary.**  
London, May 15.—The British have been attacking the German lines near Hulluch in an effort to recapture the trenches taken by the Germans there, but all attempts have been repulsed, according to reports from Berlin. Sharper fighting is now in progress in other sections of the western front than at Verdun, although they have failed in attacks near Dead Man's Hill and near Callette Wood, Berlin says. Also the bombardment near Avocourt Woods and Hill 204.

**Greece and Allies Agree.**  
London, May 15.—The foreign office announced today that the outstanding differences between Greece and the senate powers had been settled amicably with the result there will be no violation of the Greece neutrality.

**UNITED STATES  
MAKES PROTEST.**  
Not Pleased With Interference of  
Mail to and From the United  
States.

[By Associated Press.]  
Washington, May 15.—The American government is preparing what is characterized as a "very vigorous" interference with mails enclenceArpra protest against the interference with mails to and from the United States and England. The note is to be sent soon and will declare the United States can not countenance such interference, particularly where neutrals are concerned.

**PROFESSOR RESIGNED.**  
Prof. Paul F. Keeton, dean of the faculty of the Bryan Baptist Academy, has tendered his resignation to the board of trustees. Professor Keeton will remain with the academy until the close of the present term, but has not made his future plans.

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