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JOE STEWART HUNG TO CEMETERY BRIDGE

Lynching of Negro Thursday Night

NEGRO SPIRITED FROM LOCK-UP

Joe Stewart, Local Negro, Spirited Away by Band of Men Thursday Night. Hung to Cemetery Bridge at South Harper Street. No One of Lynchers.

Joe Stewart, a negro with several other aliases who had the reputation of carrying around a chip on his shoulder for white people, was found hanging by the neck under the Little River bridge at the end of cemetery street Friday morning. He had been captured, which he had with young white boys the night before. His face and body were cut in several places, and a deep gash was in his neck, but there were no other evidences of foul play. He had evidently been carried to the bridge, a noose fixed around his neck, given a shove over the side and left to die. The body was found hanging and removed to the undertaker's establishment about 9 o'clock Friday morning and Friday afternoon he was buried in the colored cemetery.

According to reports circulated on the streets the trouble started on the steps of the local picture show, which has a gallery set apart for negroes but steps used in common. Two or three white boys were sent down the steps when they had a collision with a young negro man, still unidentified, coming up. In the exchange of words which followed the negro cursed the white boys and later went in the direction of the negro house behind the opera house. The white boys followed him and went directly afterwards with the object of chastising him for the insult, but were not able to locate him. Instead they were met by Joe Stewart, who applied the vilest epithets to them and said if they were looking for his "buddies" he was ready to clean up with that etc. Before the negro could get away his wife said to have been brought back from France, she dared the white boys to come on. About this time one of the boys struck him on the head with a stick and a regular free-for-all fight ensued, a considerable crowd of negroes looking on and a few other white boys standing by awaiting developments. The negro was not inclined to move to interfere, but in the fight which continued for some time three of the white boys, Roy Childress, Carl Putnam and Fred Little, were severely cut. Fred Little having his arm entirely pierced by the negro's knife. Being finally laid out by one of the boys the negro was so seriously cut that he died on the spot and lay on the ground. With all parties to the melee profusely bleeding, the trouble temporarily held up and the crowd dispersed. Joe Stewart was carried by some of his friends to a negro drug store for treatment and here he was later arrested and carried to the city lock-up. White officers were out looking for the negro and when he was found the trouble, a supposedly small crowd of men entered the station house unobserved, carried Stewart to the bridge and pitched him over. Eyes those in front of the building are said to have been surprised when they learned that the negro had been carried off.

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COTTON ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

C. A. Power Elected Chairman of Laurens County Branch of Cotton Association and H. B. Workman, Vice Chairman.

Pursuant to the call issued last week a meeting of the Laurens County Cotton Association was held yesterday afternoon when a permanent organization was gone into. The temporary organization perfected some time ago was made the permanent organization. The officers elected were as follows:

C. A. Power; chairman; H. B. Workman; Vice Chairman, and Alison Lee, secretary.

After the election of the officers the chairman set forth in a few remarks some results from this organization, calling upon the membership to aid in an extensive campaign for membership which is to be put on during the year in order that when the time comes for cotton to be ginned the cotton the county will be thoroughly cleaned. Mr. O. L. Long, who has taken an interest in the working of the organization, spoke of what profit was being made on cotton goods, and thought the farmers or producers should share more generally in the profits. Mr. C. W. McCravy spoke of the value of cotton to the country and the raising of cotton since the time he entered upon the duties as census taker, stating that the price of cotton meant much to the prosperity of the people of the county. A. H. Moore spoke of the valuable information that the association had given to the people during the last year, and also of the efforts that the officers of the association in helping the farmers market their crop.

The meeting was altogether an enthusiastic one, all present assuring the officers of their co-operation in the movement, agreeing that the people of Laurens County generally should lend a helping hand to the organization, and that the people should be educated in the principles of the organization and solicit all to help by joining the association.

SALVATION ARMY DRIVE.

Ralph T. Wilson Accepts Chairmanship of Salvation Army Drive May 10-20.

(During the period of May 10 to 20, the people of Laurens City and county will be asked to raise the sum of \$2,000 to be used in carrying on the institutional work of the Salvation Army for another year. Not as in the past is the Salvation Army going around at various times during the year with the tambourine and asking for funds which to carry on their work, instead they are adding the budget system, and once each year the people of the country will be asked to give, this amount to last for one year.)

Mr. Ralph T. Wilson, County Superintendent of Education for Laurens County, has been announced as chairman for this year. Mr. J. W. Wilson will be Mr. J. J. Adams, cashier of the Laurens National Bank, who will act as the Treasurer. Major-elect Ritchey will also aid in the cause and has promised the help of the American Legion which is going to assist the chairman in raising the funds for this humanitarian work.

Mr. Franklin K. Lane, who recently resigned as Secretary of the Interior is serving as National Chairman for the Appeal this year.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the local chamber of commerce is to be held in its room in the new National Bank building Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Several numbers of considerable importance are expected to come up and a large attendance is requested.

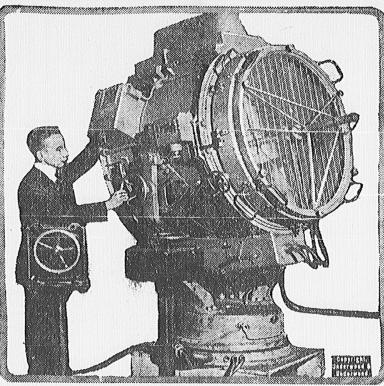
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LARGEST SEARCHLIGHT IN THE WORLD



This is the largest searchlight in the world, is the invention of Elmer A. Goss. It has 1,280,000,000 beam candle power, and is so powerful that it rays with light cigarettes and melt lead at a distance of 12 feet.

GOSSETT TRIAL AT ABBEVILLE

Judge Sease Overrules Motion for Change of Venue in Gossett Case and Says No Need for Militia. Trial to Start Thursday Morning.

A long distance message from Abbeville to The Advertiser last night stated that Judge Sease had overruled the motion for a change of venue in the Gossett case and that the case would go to trial Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. He had been called in by the jury, sequestered a larger amount in prizes from the state rural school improvement association. The following schools were awarded prizes for last year:

Abbeville \$200
Limestone 100
Anderson 100
Woodrow Wilson 15
Princeton 5
Landford 5
Total \$155

NEARBY CITIES

COUNTY SCHOOLS LOOKING AHEAD

Seven Schools Decide to Vote Extra Mills for Support of Schools.

A large number of school trustees of the county met with the superintendent of education Monday and voted to increase taxes and other means of improvement in order to educate. Trustees for seven school districts decided to call elections to vote extra mills for school purposes, these districts including the Lisbon, Rock, Dials, Eden, Brewerton, Oak Grove and Woodrow Wilson schools.

In addition to the schools for regular secondary purposes there are places as school buildings. New buildings are being planned or assisted at Princeton, Poplar Springs, Mt. Pleasant, Ora, Greenpond, Youngs and Old Mountain. The first four schools of this number have already voted bonds for that purpose. It was pointed out that the schools will be built in new buildings in the following proportions: For one room schools, \$300; two room schools, \$1,200; three room school, \$1,500 and for four or more rooms, \$2,000.

Laurens county, according to reports from Columbia, made an enviable record for rural school improvement work done in 1919-20. The schools in the state, viz., Anderson and Spartanburg, securing a larger amount in prizes from the state rural school improvement association. The following schools were awarded prizes for last year:

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Limestone 100
Anderson 100
Woodrow Wilson 15
Princeton 5
Landford 5
Total \$155

SHOW INCREASE

Both Greenwood and Clinton Show Nice Increases in Population During Last Decade.

Both Greenwood and Clinton show nice increases for nearby cities. In South Carolina showed considerable increases over figures of 1910. The population of Clinton, the only Laurens county municipality whose population has yet been announced, showed a nice increase over 1910, this year's figures being 3,767, an increase of 495 over the 1910 figure. Greenwood showed a population of 5,265, an increase of 2,689 since 1910, or 301 percent.

The following is a list of other cities an down in the state whose populations have been announced for 1910:

City	1910	1919
Union	6,144	4,623
Chester	5,557	4,753
Colombia	37,524	26,219
Anderson	10,455	10,455
Sumter	5,598	8,100
Greenwood	5,703	6,616
Orangeburg	7,290	5,906

KNIGHTS CELEBRATE EASTER

Knights Templar Hold Easter Services at First Presbyterian Church.

The Laurens Commandery, Knights Templar, held a regular Easter service at the First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The sermon was preached by Rev. C. T. Squires and the services were par-

ished by Rev. E. C. Polk and Rev. S. H. Chapman. A special musical program was rendered by an augmented choir, the entire services being a very pretty and impressive one. Several Knights were present from surrounding towns, many being kept away by the law in the case of the court. The indictment is a joint instrument and charges rape, assault with intent to ravish and assault and battery.

The grand jury was seated immediately after court convened and the indictment was quickly placed in the hands of the inquisitorial body, with a charge as to the law in the case of the court. The indictment is a joint instrument and charges rape, assault with intent to ravish and assault and battery.

The court's decision as to the militia will rest largely, it is believed, on the showing made by the defense in the motion for a change of venue and the prosecution in opposition.

Proctor A. Sturtevant, state senator from Greenville county and senior member of the firm of Bonham and Price, appeared shortly after court was convened at 10 o'clock and gave formal notice of a motion for a change of venue.

That the defendants cannot obtain a fair and impartial trial in this community by reason of the alleged fact that public sentiment is very much aroused and that the public mind is so prejudiced that it will be impossible for the public mind to hold such a settlement and prejudice.

That public sentiment is so aroused that the sheriff deemed it wise to ask the governor for militia to protect the prisoners and that the jury would be awed by the presence of militia;

Newberry Takes Both.

Newberry high school won both debates in the inter-high school debating contest last Friday night over the debaters from the local high school. The question of the day was whether the United States government should Own and Operate the Railroad System of the Nation". The local team upheld the affirmative side here and the negative side in Newberry.

Play at Shiloh.

A musical comedy, "The Beantown Chitlin", will be given at the Shiloh school building on Friday evening, April 9th, beginning at 5 o'clock.

Wednesday Club.

The Wednesday Club is to meet this afternoon with Mrs. Lamar Smith at 4 o'clock.

Gray Court-Owings Lyceum.

The annual spring meeting of Gray Court-Owings school, the Lyceum Singers, a male quartette quite a bit of a reputation will appear at Gray Court-Owings school Saturday night, April 10th. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy a rare treat.

Teachers' Examination.

The last teachers examination to be held by the county board will be held Saturday, May 1st. Examinations hereafter will be conducted by a state board of examiners.

FRENCH TO FORCE RESPECT FOR TREATY

Forces to Occupy the Ruhr Basin

GERMAN FORCES VIOLATE TREATY

German Government Troops Occupy Ruhr Basin on Pretext of Suppressing Uprising. French Take Position that German Advance is not Necessary.

ABBEVILLE, April 5.—The French troops will occupy Frankfort early tomorrow morning. Some detachments have already started.

Paris, April 5.—French troops, commanded by Marshal Foch, which are stationed along the Rhine are preparing to enter German territory this morning, according to the Wiesbaden correspondent of the Matin. It is reported that the French government has decided to occupy cities on the right bank of the Rhine as a reprisal for the movement of German government troops into the neutral zones fixed by the Versailles treaty. No official announcement has been made of such an order, however.

Newspapers continue to discuss the situation resulting from the entry of German government troops in the Ruhr basin and the Petit Parisien denies the indications given in the German statement concerning the forces do not correspond with the information received by Marshal Foch. Demand is made by the Journal that the expenses of the occupation be borne by the Germans, and it is suggested that that cities occupied be taxed to make up the amount.

The British government will decline to cooperate in the occupation of Frankfort, Darmstadt, and other German cities, according to the London correspondent of the Petit Parisien, but will, he says, "favorably follow the action of France, realizing the importance of the situation."

"In the southern part of the Ruhr district, says the Echo de Paris, the German government troops have advanced without resistance, but have encountered serious opposition in the central portion of the Ruhr basin.

Two hundred persons have been killed in a fight near Duisburg, according to information reaching this city.

French Attitude.

Paris, April 5.—The attitude of the French government in the present German crisis is defined and explained in a note issued tonight. After reiterating that the government has no hostile designs toward Germany, the note declares that the government, in order to realize the principles of moral relations with that country and expressing realization of the difficult situation of the Berlin government, the note declares that the German government has given way to pressure by the militarist party, "not fearing to infringe the principles of justice and solemn stipulations of the Versailles treaty."

The note continues:

"The sequence of facts follows: The first request for permission for the entry of extra troops into Ruhr district was made just after the insurrection movement by Berlin on March 15. It was received from Berlin on March 17. In the name of the legitimate government by Von Hansem, who had remained in Berlin with the consent, at least implied, of the insurgent government.

"All information from the allied missions, and again, the day before yesterday, from the high commissioners at Cologne, made it necessary to show that German military intervention is uncalled for by the situation and it would be attended with gravest dangers from the point of view of security both for the population and the men in the field."

The note then points out that if the German government had carried out its declaration of the principles of the Treaty it would have been either the Kapp insurrection or a red army in the Ruhr, and remarks that articles 42 and 44 are an indispensable safeguard that article 1 of the

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WOULD-BE RAPIST LYNCHED UNDERNEATH RAILWAY TRESTLE

Richard Pucket Strung up and Riddled With Bullets Monday Night for Attempted Assault on Prominent Laurens County Lady. Confessed to Crime to Sheriff John D. Owings but Protested Innocence in the Face of the Angry Mob.

SOLICITOR COOPER AND SHERIFF OWINGS PROTEST IN VAIN AGAINST ACTION

Over One Thousand People in the Mob that Stormed the County Jail and Took Negro out Who had Been Placed There Pending Identification. Mob Orderly and Quiet Yet Determined.

Richard Pucket, a negro probably between twenty-five and thirty years of age, was forcibly taken from the county jail by a mob of determined citizens Monday night and, followed by a crowd of around one thousand men from many sections of the county, was carried to the C. & W. C. trestle which crosses the Little stream a few hundred yards south of the passenger station, where he was strung up and riddled with bullets. This was the climax of an exciting day following an attempted assault upon a lady of a prominent family recently arrived at the Double Branch road just beyond the southwest edge of the city. Though protesting his innocence in the face of the angry mob surrounding him just before his death, Rich Pucket had earlier in the day to Sheriff John D. Owings privately confessed his guilt of the attempted assault and the evidence pointed to the negro as the culprit placed so prominently in the courtroom that no doubt can be entertained but that he is the right man. The lifeless body of the would-be rapist hung suspended beneath the railway trestle all during the night and until about nine o'clock yesterday morning when it was taken down upon the order of the county authorities. It was women in charge by the undertakers and yesterday afternoon it was interred in the colored cemetery near the city.

The awful crime of which the negro was charged was attempted early in the forenoon Monday. The lady was coming to the city to visit a sick relative and had arrived within about a mile of the city limits. The negro, who had been working in a field some distance away, was crouched behind a large bush in the roadside. After she had passed and had gone a few feet, the negro approached from behind the bush and attacked her, dragging her from the buggy into the bushes to the side of the road, choking her all the time. Her screams and her almost incomprehensible declaration that her brothers were coming on behind frightened the negro so that he released her and ran off. After accomplishing his purpose, he turned and scratched but otherwise not bodily injured, the lady succeeded in climbing back into her buggy and driving to town. She first stopped at the home of Mr. John Hicks and told him of her harrowing experience. Mr. Hicks telephoned the sheriff and the hunt was begun immediately. Word flew like wildfire through the sections of the county where she was known and very soon hundreds of men were on the scene in determined pursuit.

The Capture.

Guards were placed immediately around the scene of the crime to protect the tracks of the criminal and bloodhounds were ordered from Columbia. Scouting parties began a search of all the surrounding country. It was when several men stopped at a negro house to get a drink of water that they captured their prey. The negroes were sitting beneath a tree talking when one of them got up and offered to get a dipper. The other one, who later turned out to be the would-be rapist, turned to go through the house when Solicitor Cooper ordered that he be held as he seemed to act in a suspicious manner and ap-

peared to answer to the description given by the lady. He was his intended victim, but she could not identify him. She was almost certain that this was the negro, but she could not recognize the clothes he was wearing. It later turned out that he had changed to cleaner clothes after working in the mud to possibly avoid detection.

As the lady's identification was not yet made, the negro was confined in the county jail for protection until further evidence could be secured and until the blood hounds arrived. During the long wait for the arrival of the blood hounds, which had been sent by automobile through the country, the jail was closely watched by police and determined men who saw to it that nothing escaped by which the sheriff or his officers could snuff the prisoner away.

The crowd of men anxiously but patiently waited for further evidence against the negro until about seven o'clock, when the dogs from Columbia arrived. They were carried to the scene of the crime and placed in the rear of the attack was made. They took up their stand and followed it straight to the house where Rich Pucket had been found. From the house they followed a trail to the place where Rich Pucket was placed in the buggy to be carried off. It was then that all the crowd turned towards the county jail convincing that the right man was in jail.

In the meantime the crowd from the surrounding country grew larger and larger but nevertheless it was decided to do its work. Some time began to be made for the irrigation and the crowd took on the aspect of a disorderly mob. The sheriff appeared at the front and opportunely the mob to desist. Solicitor Cooper got up and promised to do his best to secure a speedy trial for the negro and stated that the lady herself would not be brought to the court room. The crowd then turned to the negro. Mr. Cooper asked them to wait while he telephoned the governor to ask for an immediate trial, or while he could confer with close relatives of the lady to see if they favored lynching the negro. Nothing would appease the anger of the crowd. In spite of the protestations of the solicitor, the sheriff and several others who wanted to have the negro tried before the lady's relatives, the mob began to storm the state gate of the jail. After this was broken in and the sheriff overpowered, some of the leaders went into the jail itself and in short order broke into the cage where Pucket was confined. He was dragged out and down the steps into the jail-yard beneath and from there he was carried through the public square to the steps of the sheriff's office. Handfuls of shots were fired when the fastidiously bad reputation, had just been released from the county chaingang. At a recent term of court he was convicted on the technical charge of burglary, having been accused of trespassing at night and stealing a horse.

Richard Pucket bore a bad reputation and had just been released from the county chaingang. At a recent term of court he was convicted on the technical charge of burglary, having been accused of trespassing at night and stealing a horse. The lynching crowd was such as such as was seen in the prominent Laurens citizens. His case was appealed to the supreme court, where the lower court was reversed. The county authorities therupon turned him at liberty and it is said that Monday was the first day that he

ANNUAL MEETING OF ADVENTISTS

Over a Hundred Delegates to Attend Meeting of Seventh Day Adventists Here.

The Camp Meeting of the South Carolina Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, is to be held in Laurens, at the gospel tent on Irby Avenue, beginning Thursday, August 14th, and continuing for ten days.

Preparations have been made for the camp meeting, which are beginning to come in from all over the state. Over thirty tents will be erected to accommodate the delegates and in order to carry out the daily program as many as two and three meetings will be in progress at the same time in different large tents.

The meals will be served on the camp ground, in a large dining tent, and the products of the pricing food sufficient for about 400 meals.

To be Entertained at Madden Station Saturday.

**CLEMSON MEN
TO BE PRESENT**

LIVE STOCK MEN MEET SATURDAY

**R. R. COMMISSION
ON GRADE CROSSINGS**

**Council Wants Two Done
Away With.**

**CHESTNUT STREET
HAMPTON STREET**

Question Brought up as to Steel Bridge on West Main Street, but Nothing will be Done there Except Making Repairs on Present Structure.

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The ladies of Madden have made preparations to feed the crowd that is expected to be present. In addition to a lunch counter, barbecue hash will be served, the proceeds from the sale of these things to go to the benefit fund in the New Prospect church.

With the Clemson party will be W. H. Barton, Orlando, Fla.; Elder C. B. Haynes, Baltimore, Md.; Elder J. L. Bigert, Boston, Mass.; W. H. M. Pitt, Atlanta, Ga.; L. D. Randall, Atlanta, Ga.; V. O. Cole, Atlanta, Ga.

R. Hook, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; L. D. Lickley, Gault, Mo.

The evangelists state that a rare treat is in store for the people of Laurens in a spiritual way and earnestly invite all the people to attend.

The following program will be carried out each day:

Rising bell 5:30 A. M.
Devotional Meeting 6:00-6:15 A. M.
Breakfast 7:00 A. M.
District Meeting 8:00-8:15 A. M.
Workers Meeting 8:15-8:30 A. M.
Children's Meeting 8:00-8:15 A. M.
Bible Study and Instruction Meeting 8:30-9:00 A. M.

Conference 10:30-12:30 P. M.
Dinner 12:45 P. M.
Retiring Bell 9:45
Silence Bell 10:00

Practical Missionary Work Committee Work 1:30-3:00
Rest Hour

Sermon or Bible Study 3:00-4:00
Childrens Meeting 4:15-5:00
General Instruction and Question Session

Young Peoples Meeting 5:15-6:15
Parents Meeting 5:15-6:15
Lunch 6:15
Song Service 8:00
Sermon 8:15
Retiring Bell 9:45
Silence Bell 10:00

LADIES TO SERVE LUNCH.

**WILL HAVE A LUNCH STAND AND ALSO
SELL REFRESHMENTS AT THE STOCK
SHOW IN MADDEN.**

The ladies of the Women's Missionary Union at Maddens will serve them there next Saturday, the day of the Clemson Car Exhibit and the stock show. They expect to serve a most inviting lunch, including barbecue hash. Besides these lunches they will also sell refreshments of various kinds. The proceeds will be used in the church improvements.

DR. HUGHES' FATHER ELECTED.

In a election of State officers for Virginia, held last week, Mr. E. T. Hughes, father of Dr. R. E. Hughes of Laurens, was elected a member of the state senate. He received almost double the vote of his nearest opponent. He was elected to represent the 11th district, which includes Fluvanna and Goochland, there being so many communities in that state that it became necessary to combine counties in selecting members of the legislature.

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GONE FROM HERE.

Mr. Walter Ruff, who has been in the insurance business here and incidentally a star backstop for the Watts ball team, left yesterday for Newberry where he will make his headquarters in the future. During his short stay here he made a great bunch of friends, who regret his decision to anchor in another port.

FERNHARD TELL THOSE SOLDIERS,

**BIDS THEM TELL GRANDCHILDREN OF BABY
GARDEN! GARDEN THAT THEY MAY
COMPLETE WORK BEGAN.**

Saturday, Aug. 11.—King Fernhard today issued a patriotic address to the army. In it he thanked his soldiers for the bravery and devotion they displayed in the war against "the treasonous allies" and declared that their efforts would have been crowned with success had not a series of unforeseen political circumstances paralyzed our strength."

"Present on all sides," the address continued, "we were obliged to sign the treaty of Bucharest, our country not being in a condition to struggle against five neighbors. Exhausted and tired, but not conquered, we had to furl our glorious standards until better days. Tell your children and tell your grandchildren about the gallantry of the Bulgarian soldiers and prepare them to complete one day the glorious work you began."

The friends of Mr. "Pete" Hughes, who had several houses in his leg broken last week in a motorcycle accident, were glad to see him so far improved yesterday as to be on the street again.

Another Speaker at Friendship.

The speaker is informed that Mr. J. M. Daniel, of Greenville, has been added to the list of regular speakers at the picnic to be held at Friendship church, Friday the fifteenth.

WILSON WILL NOT RECOGNIZE HUERTA

**John Lind to be "Eyes and
Ears" of President.**

**WILL EXPLAIN
ATTITUDE LATER**

President Wilson has two hours Conference with the Mexican Relations Committee, showing Senator Wilson his object in sending special envoy to Mexico. No definite plans, but Huerta will not be recognized.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Two hours of conference tonight between President Wilson, Secretary Bryan and the Senate foreign relations committee, brought about no change in the attitude of the administration toward Mexico.

President Wilson took the senators into his confidence for enough to outline the following: To Mexico City, to Mexico City, does not bear any solution of the present situation. He goes to continue this government's effort to induce Provisional President Huerta to redeem his promises for free constitutional election.

That under no circumstances does the administration does the president intend to recognize the 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.

On withdrawing Ambassador Wilson and sending Mr. Lind the president planned to have a man on the ground who was in sympathy with the administration here and was in some factor in the solution in Mexico City.

These policies and suggestions of the president and Secretary Bryan came out in general discussion. It was agreed that the purpose of the conference was to establish more frank and intimate communication between the senate and the administration in the development of the Mexican policy and in furtherance of this idea the president talked freely, answering many pointed questions.

While the president disclosed no definite plan for the pacification of Mexico, the implication remained that since Mr. Lind's report would do much to help the administration in the future of this country.

DEATH OF DR. STRICKLER.

Father of Mrs. C. F. Rankin of this City, and an Eminent Southern Divine.

Dr. G. B. Strickler, father of Mrs. C. F. Rankin of this city, died at an Atlantic City hospital yesterday after an illness of several months. Dr. Strickler first became ill when on a visit to his daughter here several months ago. He recovered sufficiently at that time to be carried to Atlanta, where his son lived. Although his condition was recognized as precarious then, some hope was held out for his recovery. Several weeks ago an operation was performed and since that time he has gradually grown weaker.

Dr. Strickler was one of the most eminent physicians in the southern Presbyterian church, being professor of Theology in Union Seminary, Birmingham, Ala., at the time of his death. Having occupied pastorate in several Presbyterian churches previously. On several occasions Dr. Strickler visited Rome and Mrs. Rankin's sister at the American church, where he was interested and the veneration of some highly unusual impressions upon his character.

The people of Laurens deeply sympathize with Rev. and Mrs. Rankin in their great loss.

H. B. O'SHEA GOES TO UNION.

Mr. H. B. O'Shea, who was manager of the Watts Mill company store here for several years but who has been living in Fort Lawn for some time, has moved to Union, where he has accepted a position as bookkeeper at the Nicholson Loan & Trust Company. The friends of Mr. O'Sheas here will be interested to learn of his removal to Union.