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WILSON TO MEXICO

SAYS UNITED STATES TOLERATED ENOUGH—SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO SAVE HERSELF.

President Wilson, in the name of the United States, on Wednesday of last week, publicly called on all factions in Mexico to "accommodate their differences," and set up a government that can be given recognition.

In Washington, it was considered possible that this country might ultimately intervene, but only when a hopeless condition of anarchy reigned with no remedy within the republic.

The President's statement is as follows:

"For more than two years revolution conditions have existed in Mexico. The purpose of the revolution was to rid Mexico of men who ignored the constitution of the republic and used their power in contempt of the right of its people; and with these purposes the people of the United States instinctively and generously sympathized. But the leaders of the revolution in the very hour of their success, have disagreed and turned their arms against one another.

"All professing the same objects, they are nevertheless unable or unwilling to co-operate. A central authority at Mexico City is no sooner set up than it is undermined and its authority denied by those who are expected to support it.

Devastation is Result.

"Mexico is apparently no nearer a solution of her tragical troubles than she was when the revolution was first kindled. And she has been swept by civil war as if by fire. Her crops are destroyed, her fields lie unseeded, her work cattle are confiscated for the use of the armed factions, her people flee to the mountains to escape being drawn into unavailing bloodshed, and no man seems to see or lead the way to peace and settled order. There is no proper protection either for her own citizens or for the citizens of other nations resident and at work within her territory. Mexico is starving and without a government.

This Country to Lead Aid

"In these circumstances the people and government of the United States cannot stand indifferently by and do nothing to serve their neighbor. They want nothing for themselves in Mexico. Least of all do they desire to settle her affairs for her, or claim any right to do so. But neither do they wish to see utter ruin come upon her, and they deem it their duty as friends and neighbors to lend any aid they properly can to any instrumentality which promises to be effective in bringing about a settlement which will embody the real objects of the revolution—constitutional government and the rights of the people. Patriotic Mexicans are sick at heart, and cry out for peace and for every self-sacrifice that may be necessary to procure it. Their people cry out for food, and will presently hate as much as they fear every man, in their country or out of it, who stands between them and their daily bread.

Policy of United States

"It is time, therefore, that the government of the United States should frankly state the policy which in these extraordinary circumstances it becomes its duty to adopt. It must presently do what it has not hitherto done or felt at liberty to do—lend its active moral support, to some man or group of men, if such may be found, who can rally the suffering people of Mexico to their support in an effort to ignore, if they cannot unite, the warring factions of the country, return to the constitution of the people so long in abeyance, and set up a government at Mexico City which the great powers of the world can recognize and deal with, a government with whom the program of the revolution will be a business and not merely a platform.

"I, therefore, publicly and very solemnly call upon the leaders of the factions in Mexico to act together, and to act promptly for the relief and redemption of their prostrate country. I feel it to be my duty to tell them that, if they cannot accommodate their differences and unite for this great purpose within a very short time, this government will be constrained to decide what means should be employed by the United States in order to help Mexico save herself and serve her people."

Hickory Grove Baptist church, in Chatham county observed "Young Ladies' Day" services on Sunday, May 31.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

ITEMS OF LIVE NEWS GATHERED FROM OUR EXCHANGES AND CONDENSED IN BRIEF FOR BUSY READERS.

Under the direction of the department of agriculture, a plant for grinding lime for farmers of the State will begin operations near Pollocksville, this State, about the middle of July.

Mr. A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton, is a probable candidate for Governor on the Democratic ticket for next year. Other candidates in the race are Lieutenant-Governor E. L. Daught-ridge, and Attorney-General T. W. Bickett.

San Marino, the smallest country in the world, a republic of 22 square miles, situated in northern Italy, has entered the great war against Germany. The little country feared being taken advantage of by Germany if it remained neutral, and so joined Italy.

The United States District Court of New Jersey, on last Thursday, handed down a unanimous decision, refusing the petition of the Federal Government to dissolve the United States Steel Corporation.

Last Thursday was celebrated throughout the South as the 106th anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy.

Tom Patterson, a white man of Jamestown, was arrested in Roanoke, Va., one day last week, and brought to Greensboro, where he was wanted on a charge of retailing.

W. B. Streeter, who was formerly located in Greensboro, while serving as superintendent of the North Carolina Children's Home Society, was arrested in Asheville recently on the charge of passing worthless checks on the Vanstony Clothing Co. and the Wallace Clothing Co., of Greensboro. They were returned by the Asheville bank, on which they were drawn with the endorsement, "insufficient funds."

The matter was settled without trial by the defendant putting up the cash for the two checks and paying the costs of the action.

Mrs. Frank Morton, of Campbell county, Ky., is a grandmother at the age of 32.

A dispatch from Kansas City says that Mrs. Elizabeth Dunbar, 95 years old, goes autoing every clear day, makes her own clothing and helps to make dresses for her great-grandchildren.

After a siege of three weeks, Przemyśl, the Galician fortress, has fallen back to the Austrians. The Russians had been in possession a little more than seventy days.

Snow is said to have fallen in Statesville, about two o'clock, on the morning of May 28.

Mallard, the twenty-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Mitchell, who live about nine miles east of Danbury, was instantly killed by lightning, during an electrical storm on Wednesday evening of last week.

A new rural free delivery route will start from Bear Creek, June 16, mail to go three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The final chapter of the famous Carter-Abernethy case closed in New Bern, last week, when Judge Connor practically cleared Solicitor Charles L. Abernethy from any stigma placed upon him by Judge Frank Carter during the wrangle between the two over the Baughman case in New Bern, last winter. The Judge ordered that all records, referring to the Solicitor subsequent to the Baughman case should be expurgated.

Nicholas Deboy, on trial in Wake county, last week, on the charge of fraudulently slipping a ballot into the box in the recent city election in Raleigh, was found not guilty.

Mr. D. S. Hurley, of Wadeville, has a Rhode Island Red hen that recently laid an egg, weighing six ounces and measuring 9½ inches the long way and 7½ inches the short way, says the Montgomerian.

The town of Swansboro, Onslow county, is the nearest point of land to the gulf stream in the world; and consequently has a very mild climate.

The Siler City Grit, edited by Mr. Isaac London, has entered upon its seventh year.

A creamery route has been established from Pittsboro, this to run three times a week. The cream is shipped to Raleigh to the Department of Agriculture, and the farmer gets 28 cents per pound for his butter fat. An effort should be made to get such a route from this place in connection with the co-operative creamery at Greensboro.—Siler City Grit.

YOW-WEATHERLY

ASHEBORO BOY WINS PLEASANT GARDEN GIRL—MARRIAGE ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OF LAST WEEK.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week, at four o'clock, a wedding of interest to Randolph and Guilford people occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Weatherly near Pleasant Garden, when their daughter, Miss Margaret Mae, became the bride of Mr. Thomas Sidney Yow, of Asheboro.

Daisies and ferns formed a beautiful decoration for the parlor, while a beautiful floral arch adorned the altar. Miss Grace Lednum sang, "Oh, Promise Me," while Miss Rachel Tucker presided at the piano, and later played Mendelssohn's wedding march for the bridal party to enter the parlor. The impressive ring ceremony was performed by Rev. P. L. Terrell.

The bride wore white organdie, with trimmings of baby Irish lace and white satin ribbons and lilies of the valley and carried a bouquet of sweet peas and lilies of the valley. Miss Mary Letitia Weatherly, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and was attired in light blue satin, with all-over lace trimmings, and carried a bouquet of pink sweet peas. Dr. L. E. Rockett, of Richmond, Va., was the best man. The little flower girls, Misses Dorothy and Madeline Lednum, Evelyn Tyson, Frances Tucker, Rachel Weatherly, and Nell Kennett, wore dainty white dresses. Master Macon Ross was the ring bearer. Misses Benigna and Ruth Yow, of Asheboro, sisters of the groom, presided over the array of gifts which attested the popularity of the young couple.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Yow went by automobile to Greensboro, where they took a westbound train for Asheville and the "Land of the Sky," where they spent their honeymoon.

A number of relatives from a distance attended the marriage.

That the "Stars and Bars," the flag of the Confederate States of America, was designed by Major Orren Randolph Smith, of North Carolina, was officially recognized by the United Confederate Veterans in Richmond last week.

An elevator, on which were 23 young women, became unmanageable when it reached the second floor of the Loray Mills, in Gastonia, last Monday, and fell to the bottom with terrific force, injuring some seriously, others slightly, while a very few escaped uninjured.

Governor Craig is being boomed for Congress in the tenth district, but it is not known whether he would accept the nomination.

Eli Dockery, a negro ferryman at Ruma's ferry on the Pee Dee river near Mt. Gilead, was drowned last Thursday, while attempting to swim to the ferry boat in the swollen stream.

John Casper and Guy Hartman, who operated a big distillery at Winston-Salem before the prohibition law went in effect, are in bad for alleged defrauding of the government, as a result of recent investigations. Hartman was arrested and released on a \$20,000 bond, which he forfeited, and Casper is in jail at Fort Smith, Ark., in default of a \$25,000 bond.

As a result of a battle in mid air between a Zeppelin and aeroplane, commanded by Reginald Warneford, a young Canadian aviator, last Monday, the Zeppelin was brought down a week near Ghent, and her crew of 28 were killed by bombs from the aeroplane of the aviator.

The postoffice at Pedler's Hill, Chatham county, will be discontinued after June 16th, on account of the new route from Bear Creek.

Judge W. A. Devin, of Oxford, convened court at Laurinburg, on Monday morning of last week, and within twenty-five minutes had cleared the docket of all criminal cases.

Thirty-three States in the North and West are this year spending 42 per cent. of the Smith-Lever fund for direct work with the farm women in behalf of their homes and children. The work is directed toward equipping the houses with more labor-saving devices, conveniences, comforts, and luxuries; and teaching and demonstrating farm-house efficiencies; planning for leisure and development.

Several of the dailies of the State have been calling attention to the progress made in North Carolina in the writing of local and county histories.

VETERANS AT RICHMOND

SIX THOUSAND MARCH IN PARADE—CORNERSTONE LAID FOR MONUMENT TO JACKSON—TO MEET NEXT IN BIRMINGHAM.

The 25th annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, held in Richmond, last week, came to a close on Thursday with a brilliant military pageant, in which nearly six thousand wearers of the grey defied the wind and rain to march through the streets and lay the cornerstone of a monument to their immortal leader, "Stonewall" Jackson.

These heroes of the sixties, flanked by the militia of Virginia, and thousands of men and women representing Southern civic societies, marched again to "rebel" music, bared their heads to the statue of Jefferson Davis, and sounded the "rebel" yell when they passed under the shadow of the giant monument of General Lee.

Major William A. Anderson, formerly attorney general of Virginia, delivered the address of the day when the cornerstone was laid in a down-pour of rain. The design for the monument has not yet been selected, but it is to cost \$30,000, this sum having been contributed jointly by school children and patriotic societies of the South, the Legislature of Virginia and the city of Richmond.

The reunion in 1916 will be held in Birmingham, Ala.

MRS. E. P. DICKS DEAD

Mrs. Lydia Lee Dicks, wife of Mr. Robert P. Dicks, died at their home in New York City, last Friday after an illness of about a week. The body was taken to Sumpter, S. C., the childhood home of the deceased, and the funeral and interment were in that town on Sunday.

Mrs. Dicks was a daughter of Col. and Mrs. Richard D. Lee, a prominent family of Sumpter, S. C. She was married several years ago to Mr. Robert P. Dicks, of Randolph, and came to that town as a bride, and made her home there a few months. For the past two years, the family have made their home in New York. She is survived by her husband and three little daughters, the youngest being only about a month old, also, by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

She was a woman of charming personality and made friends wherever she went. A large circle of friends in this county and other parts of the Carolinas sympathize with the bereaved family.

According to figures compiled by State Horticulturist W. N. Hutt, the fruit crop in North Carolina this year will be only forty per cent. normal. The Southern Railway will about June 27, extend passenger train No. 21, now running between Goldsboro and Asheville to Waynesville, and restore the chair car service on trains 21 and 22 between Raleigh and Asheville, discontinued a few weeks ago.

At the closing session of the State Christian Endeavor Union in Wilmington, last week, resolutions expressing appreciation of the wisdom of President Wilson in guiding the nation during the present critical period were adopted. The Christian Endeavor Union met in the First Presbyterian church, of Wilmington, which had for a number of years as its pastor President Wilson's father.

Establishment of 710 new rural mail delivery routes to serve 82,390 families and the extension of the existing service to reach 5,460 additional families has been announced by Postmaster General Burleson. Nearly all of the new routes will go into operation June 15.

Fifteen hundred acres are in wheat at the State farm in Halifax county, this year, and the estimates of the number of bushels vary from 20,000 to 50,000 bushels. This is the first year, a big crop of wheat has ever been raised at the State farm.

Gus C. Williams, a young white man, died at Rocky Mount last Monday, after suffering for ten days from a broken back and other injuries sustained when a push cart was accidentally overturned.

Non-church membership, of people ten years old and older, in North Carolina ranges from 4 per cent. in Bertie county to 77 per cent. in Edgecombe county.

In 1906, 665,500 people of responsible age in North Carolina were outside the church. At that time 1,081 churches in North Carolina had no Sunday schools, and 222,300 children of school age, were outside the Sunday schools.

SECY BRYAN RESIGNS

DISAGREES WITH PRESIDENT AS TO GERMAN NOTE AND RESIGNS RATHER THAN EMBARRASS THE ADMINISTRATION.

Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan resigned as a member of President Wilson's cabinet, last Tuesday, because he could not quite agree with the President as to the government's policy toward Germany. Mr. Bryan was unwilling to sign the reply to Germany concerning the Lusitania note, because he feared the reply might possibly draw the United States into the war, the prevention of which he says is nearest his heart of any cause. The President sincerely deprecates the retirement of Mr. Bryan, and the two seemed the best of friends even on the day of the resignation. Mr. Bryan stated that he would resign rather than cause the administration any trouble, and that he expects to continue to support the President politically.

Acting Secretary Robert Lansing was expected to sign the German note, and it has probably been cabled to Berlin before this time.

Mr. Bryan's letter of resignation and the President's acceptance follow:

Letter of Resignation.

"My Dear Mr. President: It is with sincere regret that I have reached the conclusion that I should return to you the commission of Secretary of State with which you honored me at the beginning of your administration.

Obedient to your sense of duty and actuated by the highest motives, you have prepared for transmission to the German government a note in which I cannot join without violating what I deem to be an obligation to my country and the issue involved is of such moment that to remain a member of the Cabinet would be as unfair to you as it would be to the cause which is nearest my heart, namely, the prevention of war.

"I therefore, respectfully tender my resignation, to take effect when the note is sent, unless you prefer an earlier hour. Alike desirous of reaching a peaceful solution of the problem arising out of the use of submarines against merchantmen, we find ourselves differing irreconcilably as to the methods which should be employed.

"It falls to your lot to speak officially for the nation; I consider it to be none the less my duty to endeavor as a private citizen to promote the end which you have in view by means which you do not feel at liberty to use.

"In severing the intimate and pleasant relations which have existed between us during the past two years, permit me to acknowledge the profound satisfaction which it has given me to be associated with you in the important work which has come before the State Department and to thank you for the courtesies extended.

"With the heartiest good wishes for your personal welfare and for the success of your administration, I am, my dear Mr. President,

"Very truly yours,

(Signed) "W. J. BRYAN."

The President's Reply

"My dear Mr. Bryan:

"I accept your resignation only because you insist upon its acceptance; and I accept it with much more than deep regret, with a feeling of personal sorrow. Our two years of close association have been very delightful to me. Our judgments have accorded in practically every matter of official duty and of public policy until now; your support of the work and purposes of the administration has been generous and loyal beyond praise; your devotion to the duties of your great office and your eagerness to take advantage of every great opportunity for service it offered has been an example to the rest of us; you have earned our affectionate admiration and friendship. Even now we are not separated in the object we seek, but only in the methods by which we seek it.

"It is for these reasons my feeling about your retirement from the Secretaryship of State goes so much deeper than regret. I sincerely deplore it. Our objects are the same and we ought to pursue them together. I yield to your desire only because I must and wish to bid you God-speed in the parting. We shall continue to work for the same causes even when we do not work in the same way.

"With affectionate regard, Sincerely yours, "WOODROW WILSON."

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

COMMENCEMENT SEASON ON—MANY GRADUATES BEING TURNED OUT—CHANGE OF PRESIDENT AT GUILFORD.

Trinity College Commencement

The Courier received an invitation to the commencement exercises of Trinity College, Durham, June 6-9.

On last Sunday, the baccalaureate address was delivered by President W. P. Few; on Tuesday, the baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. James Wideman Lee, D. D., of St. Louis; the alumni dinner and orations were also on Tuesday; and on Wednesday, the commencement address was delivered by Dr. Owen Wister, Philadelphia; and degrees were conferred.

University Commencement

The 120th annual commencement of the University of North Carolina was held last week. Judge A. Mitchell Palmer, chief justice of the district court of the District of Columbia, and former member of the ways and means committee in the House of Representatives, delivered the commencement address. One hundred and thirty-three students received degrees, and the honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred on each of the following North Carolinians: Gov. Craig, Senator Simmons, and Hon. James Sprunt of Wilmington.

Guilford College

The commencement exercises of Guilford College, held last week, marked the close of the 78th year of this institution of learning. The annual address to the graduating class was delivered by Dr. Isaac Sharpless, president of Haverford College. The degree of bachelor of arts was conferred on ten candidates; and bachelor of science, on two.

After 27 years as president of Guilford College, Dr. L. L. Hobbs, retired to be succeeded by President Thomas Newlin, of Whittier College.

Blackstone Commencement

The Courier had an invitation to the twenty-first annual commencement of Blackstone Female Institute last week. This school under the management of Principal James Cannon, is one of the leading training schools for girls in the South.

THE DEATH ROLL

Mr. C. H. Beckwith, of Raleigh, father of Mr. J. C. Beckwith, of Troy, died May 28, at the age of 83 years. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Ashley Horne and Mrs. A. J. Olive, of Clayton; Mrs. O. L. Stringfield, of Mars Hill; Mr. J. C. Beckwith, Troy; and Mrs. G. L. Walker, Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Minnie Frye died at her home in Carthage, recently aged nearly 80 years.

Mr. Asa McIntosh, a highly respected citizen of Carthage, also died from paralysis, May 30, in the 73d year of his age. His widow, one brother, Mr. S. R. McIntosh, of Rockingham; one sister, Mrs. W. W. Baldwin, formerly of Randolph county but for many years of Rockingham county; five children survive.

Capt. M. Jordan died at the home of his son, Mr. W. M. Jordan, near Greensboro, one day last week, at the age of 80 years.

Mr. Samuel A. Denny, a well-known citizen of Guilford county, died last week at the age of 44.

Press Association

The North Carolina editors are looking forward to the time of their lives when the Press Association meets at Montreat, June 30-July 2. The members of the South Carolina Press Association, which meets at Chick Springs, just before the meeting of the North Carolina editors, have been invited to meet with the Tar Heels at Montreat and have accepted. Among other delights of the meeting will be a big barbecue and basket picnic at Black Mountain, given on Saturday, July 3, by the Black Mountain Board of Trade.

Help Your Home County

If you want to help your county and your State, send to Dr. Henderson at Chapel Hill a full list of books, pamphlets and newspaper articles known to you, dealing with local history—and whenever possible, send the publications themselves. Help your home county.