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VILLA AND CARRANZA TO HOLD CONFERENCE

Leastwise Villa Has Sent Carranza Message Urging a Peace Conference.

The United States has been notified by General Villa on behalf of the Mexican convention forces that he had telegraphed General Carranza urging a conference for the restoration of peace and constitutional government in Mexico.

This step is the first tangible development resulting from President Wilson's recent warning to all Mexican factions that unless they came to an agreement among themselves soon, some other means would be employed by the United States to relieve the suffering population from further devastations of the military element.

General Carranza's reply depends the next move in the situation. Coincidentally the state department was advised by Miss Mabel Boardman of the American Red Cross that the Mexican authorities at Piedras had denied entry to a carload of foodstuffs consigned for the relief of people in Monclova.

The announcement that General Villa had initiated a movement for peace was received with satisfaction in official quarters. Enrique C. Llorente, Washington representative of the Villa-Zapata coalition called on Secretary Lansing with a copy of the Villa telegram to Carranza and a note from General Villa replying to President Wilson's recent pronouncement of policy.

The note referred appreciatively to the President's efforts and outlined the purpose of the Villa-Zapata leaders to bring about a reconciliation with the Carranzistas.

In the message to Carranza, dated June 11, stress is laid upon President Wilson's warning that the United States would be "obliged to decide on other methods," should a coalition of the factions prove futile.

In our opinion, this declaration involves two perils, which may frustrate the ends of revolution, and impair our sovereignty. First, the Cientificos with any other group, might again enthrone themselves with American assistance. Second, should the people not submit to this, the American government might have recourse to armed intervention.

The telegram was signed by General Villa and M. Diaz Lomardo, in charge of the department of foreign affairs.

WELL IN LOVE WITH HICKORY'S FIRE TRUCK

Chief McAlister of Lincolnton Showed What a Real Fire Engine is.

The following is taken from The Lincoln County News of Monday of this week: First Chief McAlister while in Hickory Friday with the city officials, he being one of the aldermen, was shown the fire fighting apparatus of that city.

This so enthused our chief that he insisted on the entire Lincoln delegation taking a ride on the truck which was done. When the truck was returned to the city hall and backed into place to await another fire Chief McAlister at once realized that he had found his affinity: He delayed the party causing them to stay in that city longer than intended. He was so carried away with the truck that he offered to swap both of the automobiles used by the party—a Buick and Hupmobile—for it and said he would give some boot. Finally he was persuaded to leave his affinity with regret.

Amazing Food Deficits.

Mr. S. H. DeVault, student in the University of North Carolina, from Washington county, Tennessee, has run into surprises.

For instance, he finds in the 1910 Census that the food and feed consumed by man and beast in the big city counties of Tennessee are far above the amounts produced by the farmers of these counties.

The total shortage of home-raised food and feed stuffs in these five counties is \$38,817,000. Here's a king's ransom; and it goes out of these counties to enrich the farmers of other states and sections year by year.

If the thirty-eight million dollars sent out of Washington, Knox, Hamilton, Davidson, and Shelby counties, Tennessee, for imported food and feed stuffs could be kept at home, the farm population in these counties, in a very few years, would be worth as much as Illinois or Iowa farmers; that is to say, from \$2,600 to \$3,600 apiece, counting men, women and children.

Here is a tremendous market demand for farm products. Consumers in Johnson City, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville, and Memphis are bewildered by the increased cost of living. Why do not farmers in the nearby country regions supply the demand, and get the benefit of high prices for pantry supplies and feed stuffs?

A TOWN OF MARVELOUS GROWTH.

Last November Hopewell, Va., was a siding on a branch line of the Norfolk & Western Railroad. The Dupont de Nemours Powder Co. came along and bought 1200 acres of farm land, running down on one side to the James River.

They strung a 10-foot barbed-wire barricade around the tract and began digging for foundations and putting up brick and concrete and steel buildings for another big factory for high explosives.

Today the company has two huge gun-cotton plants working night and day, and a third building is going up as rapidly as material can be dumped on the ground and hundreds of laborers can put it in place.

April 1 the buildings at Hopewell comprise those of the Dupont company—two mills and three or four rows of galvanized-iron barracks for housing the laborers. Today it has a mid-way extending a mile and a quarter along the railroad—now grown to the main spur and a regular network of side-shacks, tents, galvanized-iron sheds and every imaginable shelter, with hundreds of men working night and day on more shacks, more buildings, more sheds, to say nothing of the 500 or more cottages the company is building for the accommodation of its employees.

It is the largest development project Virginia has known in all its history. There has never been anything like it in the Old Dominion.

From a population of not more than 500 or so to a population of 17,000, and more in 60 days is, to say the least, going some, and that is what Hopewell has done; and all because the European war made it necessary for the Dupont company to build a big new factory for turning out high explosives.

At the railroad station it was stated that Italians, Greeks, Hungarians, Poles, Jamaica negroes, representatives of every nationality, almost, under the sun, had been going to the new town by the hundreds for the last two months.

Today was payday at the works, and slightly more than 12,600 men were paid off. An increase of more than 1000 since the last payday two weeks ago. These men come from every corner of the globe. One of the timekeepers employed by the company speaks reads and writes eight languages, and he has use for all of them.

SHERIFF DIES IN DEFENSE OF NEGRO

South Carolina Mob Kills Officer Who Does Duty; Negro Also Killed

Winnsboro, S. C., June 14.—A. D. Hood, sheriff of Fairfield county, and Jules Smith, a negro who was to have been tried today on a charge of attempted assault, were killed and eight other men were more or less seriously wounded as a result of an attack upon the sheriff's party as the negro was being taken into court here this morning.

Clyde Isenhower, alleged leader of the mob, and a relative of the woman Smith, was charged with attacking Ernest Isenhower, his brother; William Morrison a brother-in-law, and James Rawis, late today were indicted on the charge of murder as a result of the attack.

Smith was arrested in April and officials here, fearing an attempt at lynching, placed the negro in the state penitentiary at Columbia for safe-keeping until time for his trial here.

Sheriff Hood and his deputies, with Smith under close guard, had reached the court house this morning when a mob of approximately 100 armed men attempted to seize the prisoner.

The sheriff warned the mob to desist but his order was disregarded and someone fired a shot at the negro. The firing immediately became general and lasted for about ten minutes.

Of the six other wounded Earle Stevenson, a young deputy sheriff, received two bullets through the left arm, one severing an artery.

A special train was hurried from Columbia here immediately after the tragedy, and Sheriff Hood and his deputy were taken to a Columbia hospital for surgical attention, where Sheriff Hood died tonight.

Despite his weakened condition from the half dozen bullets in his body, Sheriff Hood led the prisoner up the stairs into the courtroom. The negro dropped dead, beside the dock, and Sheriff Hood staggered on to the bar where a court official eased him to the floor.

Live Items From Granite Falls

Granite Falls, June 16.—We have been looking for the locusts in this community, but they have not made their appearance as yet.

Mr. D. H. Warlick, Miss Estelle Warlick and Mr. John W. Hoke have gone to Richmond, Va., traveling in the former's automobile.

Mr. J. O. Deal has bought a new automobile. Granite now has 14 or 15 of the machines and there will be some more in the near future.

Dr. A. D. Abernethy's new bungalow is nearing completion. Work on the sand-clay roads is moving along nicely.

Miss Jettie Miller of Wilkesboro, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. G. Suttlemyre on the Hickory road, and Miss Eugenia Payne of this city, returned home Sunday.

Mr. D. A. Setzer killed what is known as a black spreading adider snake that had two legs with seven sharp claws or nails on each foot. Numbers of people who saw it, said it was something they had never seen before.

Salisbury, June 14.—The town of Cleveland in western Rowan was visited by safe blowers at an early hour this morning.

Mr. Foster Resigns. Mr. H. K. Foster, for several years Farm Demonstrator for Catawba county, has resigned and will probably take up similar work elsewhere.

Miss Virginia Allen, who has been attending St. Mary's school, arrived in this city Tuesday and will spend the summer here with her sister, Mrs. Neil W. Clark in Kenworth.

Mrs. O. M. Royster, who has been spending the winter in Florida, returned home Wednesday and will spend the summer with Mrs. N. W. Clark in Kenworth.

Mr. G. R. Boyd of Lenoir, was a visitor in the city Tuesday.

Mr. Gordon Crowell of Lincolnton, spent a few hours in the city Tuesday on his way to Kansas City.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SCENE OF PRETTY WEDDING

Miss Clara May Finger Becomes the Bride of Mr. Eugene R. Long of Bluefield, W. Va.

At the Church of the Ascension Tuesday afternoon at three Miss Clara May Finger of Hickory became the bride of Mr. Eugene R. Long of Bluefield, W. Va., Rev. S. B. Stroup, the bride's rector, officiating.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, green and white being the color scheme. Mrs. J. H. Hatcher rendered several beautiful selections and Mr. C. C. Gamble sang "If I Had the World to Give You," from "Midsummer Night's Dream," as a prelude to the ceremony.

The bride, wearing a lovely white lace gown with veil, and carrying a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley, came down the aisle with her sister, Miss Gertrude Finger, maid of honor, wearing a pink silk brocade gown, and was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Mr. Joe Wyatt of Bluefield, they having entered from the vestibule.

During the ceremony subdued music was ably rendered by the talented organist and Mr. Gamble sang Cadman's "Dawn". After the vows had been taken the bridal party left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march.

The ushers—were Mr. John Land of Bluefield, and Mr. T. M. Johnson of Hickory. Among the visitors here for the wedding were Mrs. J. D. Lopez of Miami, Fla., Mrs. Frank McCubbin of Salisbury, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Long of Roanoke, Va., Mr. John Land and Mr. Joe Wyatt of Bluefield.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Clara Finger of this city, and is very popular here. She has been in Bluefield for several years and is a trained nurse. The groom is a promising young man, holding an important position with the Norfolk & Western Railway Company at Bluefield and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

They will make their home in Bluefield.

Hostile Aeroplanes Bombard Karlsruhe. Karlsruhe, Baden, June 15.—Five hostile airmen bombarded Karlsruhe for forty-five minutes this morning. Several persons were killed or wounded.

A number of places suffered material damage, but the destruction wrought has no military importance. Karlsruhe is on the Rhine, about seventy-five miles from the French frontier. It has a population of about 100,000 and a number of public buildings of importance.

Another War Debt. London, June 15.—The house of commons this afternoon voted another credit of 250,000,000 pounds (\$1,250,000,000), making with previous sums a total of 862,000,000 pounds sterling (\$4,310,000,000) already allowed for war purposes.

Services at Holy Trinity. Rev. J. D. Kinard of Greenwood, S. C., will preach in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church next Sunday morning and night. Every body cordially invited.

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The acid test of success is this: Are the farmers getting more for their products? And at the same time, are the consumers getting more for their money?

Rev. E. J. Sox, pastor. Next Sunday, June 20. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Preaching Service at 10:30 a. m. Sermon by the pastor on that theme: Great Anxiety for that which is Lost and Great Joy over that which is Found.

"No wonder the Scotch get rich," says Jerome S. McWade, the Duluth connoisseur, laying down a magazine article about multimillionaires of Scottish blood. "No wonder."

The advertising columns of this paper are the arrows that point the way to better buying. Follow the arrows,

Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It drives Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00