

THE WEATHER.

Rain today and Monday, colder by Monday night; moderate to brisk shifting winds.

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RESPONSIBLE FOR MEXICAN TROUBLE

Manifesto Issued by Gonzolo Enrile Attacks President Taft.

PREPARATIONS FOR TROUBLE

Conditions on the Border Have Become More Alarming and United States is Getting in Readiness for Trouble

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 24.—United States and Mexican secret service operatives and Texas Rangers late today seized a manifesto issued by Gonzolo Enrile, former Mexican consul at Brussels. The manifesto makes an attack on the President of the United States, accusing him of "being responsible for the troubles of Mexico and Latin-America." It was designed for circulation tonight in Juarez and Northern Mexico.

Four troops of United States cavalry tonight patrol the Rio Grande river in readiness to cross into Juarez to protect American life and property. With the 22nd Infantry and three companies of artillery entraining at San Antonio for this city and at least 1,000 Rebels at Banche, 14 miles south of Juarez, the situation is considered the most critical since the recent outbreak in Chihuahua.

The troops at Banche are commanded by Colonel Salazar, who it is understood will demand the surrender of Juarez tomorrow morning. It is not believed any resistance will be made as Juarez is garrisoned by only about 150 men.

General Pascua Orozco will remain loyal to President Madero, is a statement contained in a message tonight from Governor Abraham Gonzalez to consul Lorente, in El Paso.

Juarez residents tonight moved their portable effects to the American side.

Madero Replies to Gomez. Mexico City, Feb. 24.—President Madero tonight replied by telegraph to the appeal of Emilio Vasquez Gomez, at San Antonio, that he "return to the revolution, the power which it gave him," charging the ex-cabinet minister with responsibility for the state in which the country finds itself and declining to abandon the post conferred upon him by the people.

Sweeping Order from White House. Washington, Feb. 24.—Determined that no more American lives shall be sacrificed as a result of fighting on the Mexican border, the United States troops along the Rio Grande were re-enforced today and orders given that firing into American territory must be stopped, even though it is necessary to cross the boundary line to enforce compliance. The order, the most sweeping that has gone out from the White House in the present situation, was issued after a conference between President Taft, Secretary of War Stimson and Acting Secretary of State Huntington Wilson.

In addition to sending another regiment of infantry and three batteries of field artillery to the Mexican line, orders were issued to division commanders throughout the country to hold their commands in readiness to move at a moment's notice. The acute situation in Mexico has had the effect of putting the army establishment in a high state of preparedness, and mobilization on the Rio Grande could be effected quickly, if the occasion arose.

The Mexican government, it is understood, will be advised of the intention of the United States to prevent at all hazards a repetition of the casualties due to stray bullets coming across the line, which marked the fighting during the Madero revolution at several towns along the border.

A neutral zone along the border would be instituted in which fighting would cease. This zone, the United States intends to have respected, as evidenced by today's White House conference and resulting orders.

Revolutionaries Raiding Ranches. Douglas, Ariz., Feb. 24.—Aguia Prieta, scene of one of the fiercest battles of the Madero revolution, was thrown into a panic today when bands of men who declared they were Vasquezistas and began raiding ranches near the border. Treasure vaults of banks and stores were hastily emptied and the contents brought into Douglas.

Refugees brought the report that the men were under Antonio Rodriguez, a political prisoner, liberated with 30 others by sympathizers from the jail at Magdalena, several days ago, and that they planned an attack upon Agua Prieta tomorrow.

Douglas is filling up with refugees, not only from Agua Prieta but from Fronteras, which was attacked by Rebels on bands Thursday night, and from Cananea and Nacoziari.

Part of Rodriguez' men, mostly those who escaped with him from the jail at Magdalena, are encamped near Arpe, according to Frank Gatt, who was among the refugees from Fronteras. Arpe is garrisoned by a strong force of Federals, nevertheless, its inhabitants are abandoning the place.

To Invade Mexico, if Necessary. San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 24.—With in 24 hours the 22nd regiment of its infantry and one battalion of artillery stationed at Fort Sam Houston, will be en route to El Paso to assist in en-

OSCAR UNDERWOOD ENTERS THE RACE

Makes Formal Announcement and Opens Headquarters in Washington.

SENATOR BANKHEAD, MANAGER

Majority Leader of the House Will be a Candidate for Democratic Nomination for the Presidency. Statement Issued.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Representative Oscar Underwood, of Alabama, majority leader of the House, today was formally entered in the race for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. Senator Bankhead, in making the announcement, also stated the opening of Underwood headquarters in this city. Mr. Bankhead will act as chairman of the Underwood movement and as his manager. The statement follows:

"To set at rest any question in the public mind as to the actual candidacy of Representative Underwood of Alabama, I desire to say that all we are doing in his behalf is with his full and hearty concurrence. He is a candidate, and is in the race, not only to win the nomination, but also for the election in November.

"Headquarters will be conducted in a strictly systematic and business-like way with as much regard for detail as is exercised by the most complex and minutely organized business concern. Every moment of the day will be filled with zealous activities carried on by my enthusiastic and trained assistants.

"I wish the people of the country to know that we expect to go in on the strength of our candidate, his high character, his well tried leadership, his perfect sanity and poise, and his fidelity, both to his friendships and also to the great and time-honored principles of the Democratic party. If we are unable to win, save through anonymous and unjust attacks on other candidates, then we do not expect or even care to win. Indeed, under such circumstances we would not desire to win. In all we do, it will never be forgotten that there is a certain comity due between candidates of the same party, and that after the nomination we must be in position to fight a common political enemy."

MR. LAPSLEY ACCEPTS.

Will Become Pastor at Clarkton—Other News Notes of Interest.

Clarkton, N. C., Feb. 24.—Members of the Presbyterian Church of this place are delighted to learn that Rev. Mr. A. Lapsley, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Maxton, has agreed to accept the unanimous call to the church here. Mr. Lapsley is a young man of rare ability and made a deep impression on all his hearers during two services held here several months ago.

Short talks were made at the school here on Washington's Birthday by Dr. George L. Clark and Mr. G. H. Currie. A solid load of improved farming implements were unloaded here a short time ago and many of them are being distributed throughout this section. The roads and fields are in a wet and sloppy condition, certainly the worst in many years.

Contractor J. W. Clark has almost completed his residence on Hon. O. L. Clark's farm, about one mile out on the Campbell road. The finishing touches are being put on Mr. Alex. S. Register's residence by Contractor E. N. Pait. The enterprising saw mill firm of Pait & McDuffie are moving their mill into the McNeill tract of timber near here. They also intend putting in a large mill near Fayetteville. E. J. Cox & Co. unloaded a car of mules and horses several days ago and despite weather conditions and the low price of cotton, the dealers continue the exchange and placing of a good many. The cotton gin continues to run every Saturday and Sunday rather peculiar and out of tune at this season.

Mr. Thos. N. Mautsby, of Westbrook, and Mr. J. S. Nicholson, of Zera, are making business calls here this afternoon.

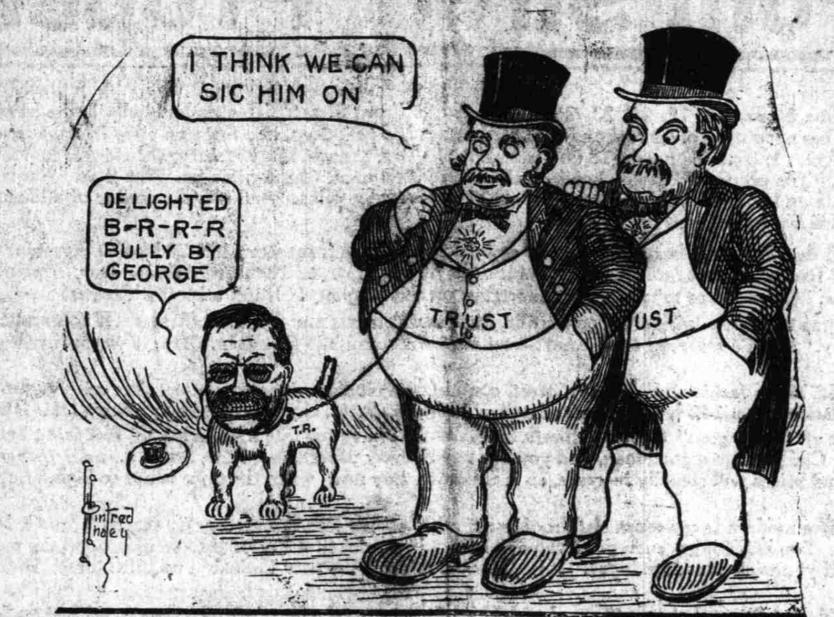
It is rumored here that Sheriff J. M. Clark has captured at Dunn, N. C., the negro who shot another at Elizabethtown several days ago.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 24.—In the last game of the season, A. & M. defeated Trinity tonight 26 to 13. Both teams fought hard, but A. & M. outclassed Trinity throughout the whole game. The first half ended with the score 12 to 7 in favor of the Farmers, and in the second half A. & M. walked away from the Methodists, scoring 14 points against four.

forcing neutrality laws and if necessary to invade Mexico.

The supply train of the infantry regiment was the first of the six trains necessary to transport the troops to get underway. It left late tonight. Two trains carrying the infantrymen will leave early tomorrow and the artillery will entrain tomorrow night or early Monday morning. The run to El Paso will be made in about 30 hours.

The troops, 368 infantrymen and 468 artillerymen, will be fully equipped for field service and will carry rations for 30 days.



TURKISH BATTLESHIPS SUNK

Cruiser and Torpedo Boat Destroyed By Italian Warships—Buildings Destroyed and Citizens Panic Stricken

Beirut, Syria, Feb. 24.—A Turkish cruiser and a torpedo boat at anchor in the port here were destroyed today by Italian warships.

Appearing suddenly off the port the commanders of the Italian gunboat Volturro and the armored cruiser Giuseppe Garibaldi sent to the authorities a peremptory demand for the surrender of the Turkish gunboats in the harbor. Before the provincial governor could deliver his reply to the Italian commanders, the cruisers opened a devastating fire.

In a short time the Turkish gunboats in the harbor were disabled and in a sinking condition. The custom house was greatly damaged and the other buildings also suffered severely. A great number of people who came within the zone of fire while passing along the streets were slaughtered. A panic set in and the people fled in droves towards the Lebanon hills.

Panic in Constantinople.

Constantinople, Feb. 24.—According to the latest despatches from Beirut, the forts, the corvette Avnilah and the torpedo boat replied to the Italian fire during today's bombardment. The Avnilah was struck and soon was in flames. The torpedo boat was sunk. No fewer than 20 persons were killed, two of the dead, it is believed, being Russian subjects. About 50 persons were wounded. Several shells were dropped into the town and the offices of the Ottoman Bank were damaged.

During the panic which followed the bombardment a mob forced the government armory and secured arms. The Italian warships at the conclusion of the bombardment steamed away for an unknown destination.

News of the bombardment caused a panic on the Bourse, resulting in a fall of consols. It is believed that the Italians will continue their attacks on other coast towns. As a consequence there is reason to expect that the ports will carry out its determination to expel all Italians from Turkey and close the Dardanelles.

No Official Report at Rome.

Rome, Feb. 24.—A semi-official communication issued tonight says the government has received no official report of the operation at Beirut. The Turkish warships were stationed at Beirut for the purpose of attacking Italian transports and facilitating contraband trade. Orders were dispatched to the Italian warships to capture them.

Annexation Decree Ratified.

Rome, Feb. 24.—The Senate tonight without debate unanimously ratified the decree proclaiming annexation of Tripolitana and Cyrenaica. Scenes of great enthusiasm followed and the sitting adjourned.

The annexation bill already had passed the Chamber. The sitting of the Senate was rendered more important by the presence of the Duke of Genoa and the Duke of Aosta, who occupied their seats as Senators and were greeted with frantic applause. The Duke of Aosta thanked those assembled for the hearty reception, saying he and his cousin desired to record their votes in favor of the annexation which was due to the will of the people, the wisdom of the rulers, and the heroism of the soldiers and sailors.

The president of the senate rendered special homage to the Duchess of Aosta for the part she took in caring for the wounded and to the Duke of the Abruzzi "for valor."

RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL

The Measure Completed by the House Carries Smallest Appropriation in Years—Savannah Gets a Large Amount.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The rivers and harbors appropriation bill for the new fiscal year, completed today by the House committee, carries \$25,965,010, the smallest amount since 1894.

The largest of the improvement appropriations in the bill are \$5,400,000 for the Ohio river, and for the Mississippi \$5,950,000; Missouri river \$800,000; Delaware river \$700,000, and Tennessee river \$350,000.

An appropriation of \$300,000 is made for the purchase of Deschamps & Shesapeake channel and \$300,000 is made for the Biscayne Bay, Miami, Fla.

Other large appropriations include the following:

James river, Virginia, \$70,000; Cooper river, South Carolina, \$175,000; Savannah harbor \$400,000; Savannah river below Augusta \$1,000,000; Mobile harbor \$480,000, and St. John's river \$200,000.

The bill will be reported next week.

VETERANS WILL NOT MARCH.

Will Occupy Grand Stand Seats at the Macon, Ga., Feb. 24.—Instead of the veterans of the Confederacy being compelled to march several miles through the streets at the next reunion here in May, they will be given grand stand seats and act as the reviewing party on the occasion of the annual parade. These plans were decided upon at a meeting here today of Gen. C. Irvine Walker, commander-in-chief, and the committee in charge of the reunion plans.

Arrangements will be made for the old soldiers to occupy reviewing stands, while the parade will comprise State militia, sons of veterans and citizen organizations. The mounds, sponsors and matrons will be seated next to the veterans. After the review the veterans will march six blocks through the business section, unaccompanied by any escorts.

LOCATE IN ASHEVILLE.

Mr. Charles French Toms to Practice Law in Mountain City.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 24.—It was learned with interest here today that Charles French Toms, a wealthy and prominent citizen of Hendersonville, has, after much consideration, decided to locate in Asheville for the purpose of practicing law. Mr. Toms was here today making the preliminary arrangements for the move and it is his intention to bring his family here next week to decide on home. The permanent move will be made within the next 30 days.

It is understood that Mr. Toms has made this decision only after much thought and after he had visited a great many places in this and other States with a view to changing his location, when he came to the conclusion that Asheville offered better opportunities not only for the practice of his profession, but for rearing his children. He may also have been somewhat influenced by the fact that his father, Capt. M. C. Toms, is a native of Fairview in this county.

Mr. Toms is well known in this city and all over the State. He has occupied a number of important positions and at one time being a candidate for the position of lieutenant governor on the Republican ticket. He was also sent to the State Senate by the Democratic party. He is a man of large means and it is said that he intends to buy a home here and will likely make a number of investments.

Mr. Toms has had about 16 years' experience in the practice of law. Besides his profession he is greatly interested in apple culture. He and his father have one of the largest orchards in the western part of the State.

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 24.—At Lenoir, N. C., early this morning two children, aged 4 and 6 years, of Delix Haigler and his wife, colored, were burned to death when Haigler's cabin was destroyed. Haigler and his wife left the children in the cabin while they went to feed the pigs. The cabin caught fire and was consumed before the children could be rescued.

Among the guests at The Southern Hotel yesterday were R. D. Priddy, Currie; Mrs. E. M. Cox, Fayetteville; J. C. Pretlow, Point Caswell; C. B. St. George, Southport; L. S. Clark, Rocky Mount; Ed King, Greensboro.

WILL INVESTIGATE THE MONEY TRUST

Democratic House Orders the Inquiry by an Almost Unanimous Vote.

ALL LEADERS COMPROMISED

By a Vote of 270 to Eight It was Passed and Everybody Was Satisfied—Includes Railroad Monopolies.

Washington, Feb. 24.—An investigation to determine whether there is a "money trust" in the United States, operating through or in connection with the National banks, was ordered by the House today by a vote of 270 to eight. While Republican regulars and insurgents protested that the inquiry as proposed was a "sham" and a "delusion," the Democratic forces united in support of a compromise money trust resolution and succeeded in securing all but eight Republican votes in its support.

Another branch of the investigation to cover any possible violation of the anti-trust law, was announced during the course of the debate by Chairman Clayton, of the Judiciary Committee. A third resolution for an investigation of railroad monopolies, was presented by Commissioner Adamson, of the Interstate Commerce Commission. These are expected to form the basis for the second and third branches of the great investigation of financial, transportation and industrial affairs.

The threatened split in the Democratic ranks, due to the refusal of party leaders to support the plan of Representative Henry, of Texas, for a special investigating committee, was completely avoided by a compromise resolution prepared by the Rules Committee early in the day. It instructed the Banking and Currency Committee, of which Representative C. C. of Louisiana, is chairman, to make a full investigation of banking and currency conditions, "including all matters touched upon in House resolution No. 405, within the jurisdiction of said committee."

This direct reference to Mr. Henry's original resolution, which specified many charges upon which Wall Street railroad financial groups, the large industrial concerns, and other financial powers, are alleged to have conspired to control industrial and financial affairs, was accepted by the Henry and Bryan forces of the House as adequate concessions to the Democrats. The Republicans, regulars and insurgents alike, denounced the compromise resolution as failing to carry out the original declaration of the Democrats for a money trust investigation. Representative Norris, of Nebraska, and Leonard, of Wisconsin, insurgent leaders, insisted that the restrictions placed upon the Banking and Currency Committee by the words "within the jurisdiction of said committee" would prevent it from making any sweeping inquiry, and would prohibit it from considering the operation of the New York Stock Exchange, the New York Clearing House, or the shifting of money reserves by private parties, to meet alleged demands of financial interests.

The United Democratic forces carried Mr. Henry's motion for the previous question, after two hours debate, by a vote of 170 to 106. This was the point at which the Democratic split had been expected. Only three Democrats, Representatives Diffenderfer, of Pennsylvania; Gray, of Indiana, and Thayer, of Massachusetts, opposed the resolution.

On the final passage of the resolution the eight votes cast against it were those of Representatives Austin, Tennessee; Cannon, Illinois; Dalzell, Pennsylvania; Gillette, Massachusetts; Higgins, Tison and Henry, Connecticut; Thistlewood, Illinois, all Republicans.

"This investigation will be complete, fair and effectual," said Chairman Fulton, of the Banking and Currency Committee, in reply to charges by the Republican insurgents that the resolution did not give the committee sufficient power.

"If it is found that the committee has not sufficient authority, we will come back to the House and ask for more. This will not be an investigation over one-fourth of an acre, and has a nine-room house on it, which was erected last year with all modern improvements. The price paid was \$4,000. Mr. Thompson and family will not occupy it until Fall.

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LUMBERTON NEWS NOTES.

Home Purchases—White Man Charged With Cutting Surrenders. (Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Feb. 24.—A real estate deal was made here today by which Mr. J. A. Thompson, of Back Swamp, purchased from Mr. J. L. Stephens, his house and lot on North Elm street. The lot contains a little over one-fourth of an acre, and has a nine-room house on it, which was erected last year with all modern improvements. The price paid was \$4,000. Mr. Thompson and family will not occupy it until Fall.

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WILSON SPOKE ON CORPORATE EVILS

Believes in Indictments Against Individuals, Not the Company.

COMPARED IT TO JOY RIDING

The Governor Was Guest of Honor at Y. M. C. A. Banquet and Was Introduced by Republican Governor Hooper

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 24.—Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, was the guest of honor tonight at a banquet held in the new local Y. M. C. A. building. More than 600 guests were seated at the dinner. Governor B. W. Hooper presided at the dinner and United States Senator Luke Lea was one of the speakers.

Governor Hooper, who is a Republican, in introducing Governor Wilson, said that if the Republican candidates for President must be defeated, he personally hoped to see a New Jersey Democrat elected who came originally from the South.

The occasion was the dedication of the Y. M. C. A. building. Governor Wilson confined his address chiefly to the work of the association. In a brief address here this afternoon before friends and members of the Woodrow Wilson Club Mr. Wilson compared business evils to "joy riding."

"If you want to stop 'joy riding,' he said, 'you don't break the automobile, you catch the joy riders. We don't want to break up corporations. We might use them. We do want to stop the corporate joy riding, however. Therefore, we should, when dealing with corporations, not attempt to break up the corporations, but when that wrong is committed, we should turn the corporation inside out, and should catch the individual and indict him, not as an officer of the corporation but as an individual. You may say we would only catch summer but we could, in the trial, secure evidence of those behind the dummy and amend the indictment so as to include the men responsible.'"

Continuing, he said: "What thrills my imagination is this—We are at the threshold of a great enterprise, the retranslation of American liberties in terms of our present day life. The party that first takes up this great programme will govern the country for the next generation."

"We are not the only ones who are thinking of doing this work. There are Republicans whose ideas might be the same as the Democrats. We must show them what we are doing as many of them think that the Democratic party is not sufficiently practical and balk at the Democratic label."

"This is a National enterprise; it is too big for very many or any set of men to declare that it shall be one in their way or not at all. The cost of failure is too big. We shall be judged for a generation as we act in 1912 for to fall now means that Democracy in America will be denied fresh fruitage; that America has become a Nation dominated by interest and has joined the range of nations who go down because they have forgotten the destiny of men."

VESSELS COLLIDE

Steamer and Ferry Boat Run Together With Disastrous Results

New Orleans, Feb. 24.—As the result of a collision between the Monitor Line steamer Chalmette and a small ferry boat at Point Alachache, 60 miles down the Mississippi river tonight, two lives were lost and several other passengers on the ferry boat had narrow escapes.

There were five passengers aboard the ferry boat which made regular trips from Point-A-La-Hache to points across the river.

The Chalmette, which was outbound for Havana, ran into the small craft during a dense fog and out the ferry in two, all of those on board being thrown into the water. The ferry sank a few minutes after the collision. Those who lost their lives were Mrs. Dudley Marrier and Mrs. Edna Reagan, both of Point-A-La-Hache. The other passengers and the crew of four men were rescued by a boat from the Chalmette, with great difficulty owing to the heavy fog.

OPPOSED BY BUSINESS MEN

Richmond Chamber of Commerce Asks Senate to Defeat Prohibition Bill

Richmond, Va., Feb. 24.—While members of the State Senate are receiving numbers of letters and petitions requesting them to concur with the House and pass the bill which will give one-fourth of the voters participating in the last general election the right to call a Statewide prohibition election, directors of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce today adopted resolutions strongly urging the Senate to defeat the Statewide measure. A committee largely composed of bankers was appointed to appear before the Senate committee on Monday night in opposition to the enabling act, which has already passed the House.

White waltz valve 3-4 sleeves, open back, nice lace trimmed, \$1.25 value, now only 98c at Rehders.