

THE WEATHER.

Fair, warmer Monday; Tuesday fair.

LOST! AN OPPORTUNITY!

The day a newspaper reader fails to glance through the advertising of a newspaper is probably a day of lost opportunity.

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VILLA WILL DEFY U. S. TROOPS IN ATTACKING TOWN OF AGUA PRIETA

Says if Necessary Will Fight United States Army on the Border. FOOD SUPPLIES SCANT Engagement With the Carranza Forces Was Question of Hours Last Night. American Troops in Positions Ready for Action.

Douglas, Ariz., Oct. 31. - Villa troops invading Sonora arrived today within striking distance of Agua Prieta, opposite here, and the expected attack against the Carranza garrison apparently is a matter of hours.

Carranza Garrison Strengthened. General Villa learned for the first time today that permission had been given by the United States government for Carranza to move troops through American territory to reinforce the Agua Prieta garrison.

Start on Final Advance. The main body of Carranza troops formed a juncture with their advance troops at the Gallardo ranch, about 18 miles southeast of Agua Prieta.

Camp Near Douglas. Three thousand Villa troops, mounted and afoot, and driving pack animals, loaded with machine guns and mounted cannon, were tonight at a point four miles east of Douglas.

MANY THEFTS IN JAPAN. Attributed to Chinese Revolutionists and German Spies—Arrests.

WILL MAKE REPORT ON BRITISH TRADE

Consul Skinner Arrives to Consult With Officials. BELGIANS IN DISTRESS. Dr. Bainbridge, Who Also Arrived on the Rotterdam, Says Thousands of Refugees Face Winter Without Means of Support.

New York, Oct. 31.—Robert P. Skinner, United States consul general in London, summoned to Washington for consultation on the trade situation between the United States and Great Britain, arrived today on the steamer Rotterdam.

"Despite the magnificent aid that has already been given Belgium," said Dr. Skinner, "there are thousands of refugees facing the winter without means of support, and shipments of food and clothing from the United States are necessary to relieve distress and starvation."

TO RAISE FUNDS TO RELIEVE STARVING JEWS IN RUSSIA. Appeal Made at Meeting Held in London Yesterday.

London, Nov. 1.—At a meeting here yesterday in behalf of the fund for the relief of Jewish victims of the war, it was announced that there were 1,500,000 Jews starving in Russia.

NO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. Report That Von Buelow is to Prepare Negotiations is Denied.

Mobilized, Ala., Oct. 31.—Mrs. Theresa McBroome was acquitted today by a jury court, at her second trial for the murder of her husband, Reuben McBroome in December, 1914.

MILITIA MAY JOIN CONTINENTAL ARMY

Provision for National Guard in the Army Plans. DOUBLE APPROPRIATION. Garrison Says Body is Due Full and Proper Recognition in Any Military System or Policy Proposed.

Garrison Says Body is Due Full and Proper Recognition in Any Military System or Policy Proposed. Washington, Oct. 31.—Practically doubled, Federal appropriations for the state militia and opening of the proposed continental army to any organization or individual of the National Guard desiring to enter and free to do so, are contemplated in the army side of the administration's national defense programme.

TO DEVELOPE NEW SYSTEM. For Making Small Number Class Rooms Accommodate Many Divisions.

NUMBER OF TAR HEELS STILL OWE UNGLE SAM. Wants Refund From Americans Stranded in Europe.

FOSTER AMERICANISM PURPOSE OF SOCIETY. A "Federation for National Unity" is Organized.

LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES IS ONE PURPOSE OF NEW BODY—PROMINENT PERSONS AMONG THE LIST OF DIRECTORS.

WILMINGTONIANS AMONG THOSE FALLING TO REIMBURSE GOVERNMENT—THOSE WITH THE MEANS WILL BE PRESSED TO RETURN LOAN.

\$375,000 IS GIVEN TO FOUR COLLEGES

Announced by Rockefeller General Education Board. OTHER FUNDS PROVIDED. Masked Men Overpower Jail-er at Columbia, Miss. Prisoner Removed From Jail; Hanged. Work is Quietly Done.

For Number of Novel Experiments in the Field of Education—Other Undertakings Also Announced by the Board. New York, Oct. 31.—The General Education Board, one of John D. Rockefeller's philanthropic enterprises, tonight announced gifts totalling \$375,000 to four colleges and provision for funds for a number of novel experiments in the field of education.

TO DEVELOPE NEW SYSTEM. For Making Small Number Class Rooms Accommodate Many Divisions. Gary, Ind., Oct. 31.—The public schools of Gary which are to be the subject of scientific investigation by the Rockefeller general education board have become best known to the public through the system of drawing class programmes to permit the maximum use of school machinery.

WANTS REFUND FROM AMERICANS STRANDED IN EUROPE. Wilmingtonians Among Those Falling to Reimburse Government—Those With the Means Will Be Pressed to Return Loan.

URGES AN INCREASE IN STORES FOR THE NAVY. For Placing Fleets Upon War Basis in a Few Hours.

Paymaster General McGowan Makes Annual Report—Shows Expenditures on Navy From 1794 to 1915 to be \$3,214,329,641.

PRISONER REMOVED FROM JAIL; HANGED

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Jack Hughes, the Lynched Man, Member of Prominent Louisiana Family—Charged With Murdering Young White Man. Columbia, Miss., Oct. 31.—Jack Hughes, 30 years old, member of a prominent family of Washington Parish, La., was taken from the county jail here early today by a party of masked men and hanged to a tree a short distance outside the city limits.

HONOR JAPANESE EMPEROR. Brilliant Celebration Ushers in the Coronation Season. Tokyo, Oct. 31.—A brilliant celebration today of the birthday of the Emperor Yoshihito ushered in the coronation season, the most notable event of the year, which will occur November 10 when the emperor will formally accede to the throne of Nippon.

BLANCHE WALSH DIES. Noted Actress Succumbs in Hospital After Two Weeks' Illness.

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SECURES RELEASE OF GOODS. Large Amount German-Goods to Be Sent From England.

SERBIAN FORTRESS OF PIROT FALLS BEFORE FORCES OF BULGARIA

LARGE SECTION OF SERBIA OCCUPIED. Enemy Continues to Invade From All Three Sides. REVIEW OF WAR NEWS. Bulgarians Reported to Have Recaptured Vales, at a Cost of 25,000 Men—Heavy Fighting in Artois and Champagne.

A large section of Serbia is now in the hands of the invaders. The Austrians have penetrated Serbian territory on the Bosnian frontier and an Austrian column has advanced southward from Valjevo to Razana, while German forces, moving from the north and northwest have entered Milanovac.

THE FRENCH AND GERMAN IN THE ARTOIS AND CHAMPAGNE REGIONS OF FRANCE ARE FIGHTING DEEPLY, AND BOTH SIDES CLAIM SUCCESS AT DIFFERENT POINTS, BUT EACH ADVERTS THAT HE HAS NOT YET SUCCEEDED IN CAPTURING THE BATTLE OF TASURE, BUT ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH ACCOUNT, IT IS IN GERMAN HANDS.

CHIEF OF POLICE WALTERS OF RALEIGH DIES SUDDENLY. Was Serving Last Day in Office—C. F. Koonce Succeeds Him.

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Austro-Germans Endeavoring to Surround Kraguevatz, the Serbian Arsenal.

ALLIES GUARD RAILWAY. Occupy Hills Around Strumitza; Bombard Bulgarian Towns on Aegean Sea. Another Allied offensive in West is Reported.

London, October 31.—The Serbian fortress of Pirot, described as the key to Nish—is in the hands of the Bulgarians, while the Austro-Germans, advancing from the north, are endeavoring to form a ring around Kraguevatz, the Serbian arsenal. Thus, besides endangering both the Serbian war capital and the town where the Serbian munitions are manufactured, the Central Powers, with Bulgaria, are narrowing the gap through which the Serbian army in the northwest must escape.

Another Allied offensive in West is Reported. The allied troops are firmly establishing themselves along the southern end of the Nish railway and crossing into Bulgaria have occupied the hills surrounding Strumitza, although the capture of that town, which has been reported, is not officially confirmed.

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ITALIAN OFFICIAL STATEMENT. Denies Italian Air Craft Bombed the City of Trieste.