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GREAT THREE-DAY CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STARTS IN RUSH TUESDAY MORNING

Score of Local Workers Start Tuesday Morning on Big Three-Day Campaign for 300 Additional Members of Chamber of Commerce; Big Membership Smoker to Be Given Friday Night Will Bring the Campaign to Close; General Good Time Is Planned for All Who Attend This Meeting of Local Boosters.

A great three-day campaign for three hundred new members for the Chamber of Commerce starts tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock and with a score of local citizens enlisted in the work it is proposed that every citizen to a number of twenty have been enlisted in the cause and tomorrow it is proposed that more than a hundred new members shall be added, and a like number for Wednesday and Thursday.

the first "checking up" will occur. On Thursday night at the same hour and place the campaign will be brought to a close and workers declare that at that time the full number will have been realized, which is necessary if the chamber is to be placed on the firm financial basis that we should expect.

On Friday night in the municipal building there will be held a membership smoker at which time there will be able addresses and booster talks, a report of the roundup for members and the usual smoker accompaniments. Every member, whether long standing or one that has joined within the three days campaign is invited to be present and to participate in this meeting.

OIL STOVE GIVES SCARE; FIREMEN ARE CALLED

An oil stove, upstairs in the stock room of Griffin Drug Company, became unmanageable for a few minutes this morning and, smoking this, upstairs, caused some over-cautious persons to sound in a call for the department from No. 22, corner of Sunset avenue and Main street. The stove in some way blazed up, and, though it did not explode, it belched forth great volumes of smoke that seemed to indicate much more fire in the small room in which it was confined. The department's rush to the scene, but their services were not needed.

THREE PERSONS INJURED WHEN AUTO TURNS TURTLE

Plymouthville, March 20.—Richard Wade, of Dunn, was severely but not seriously injured about the head. W. F. Wade, his father, was bruised, and Sam Odum, of Goldsboro, was cut in the head, when an automobile in which the three men were riding turned turtle on Person street Saturday afternoon. The breaking of the steering gear of the machine caused the accident. The men were rushed to the hospital, it being at first thought that Richard Wade's skull was fractured. But it was stated at the hospital that such was not the case and the young man was doing very well.

ELKS OFFICIAL TO VISIT THIS CITY

Mr. Louis Goodman, of Wilmington district, deputy, G. E. R. of the Elks, will tomorrow, Tuesday night, visit the local lodge B. P. O. E. No. 1058 in his official capacity. There is called for that time a full meeting of the membership of the local lodge, the meeting to be called at 7:30 o'clock.

COTTON MARKET

New York, March 20.—Cotton futures opened steady. May, 11.98; July, 12.18; October, 12.26; December, 12.41; January, 12.46.

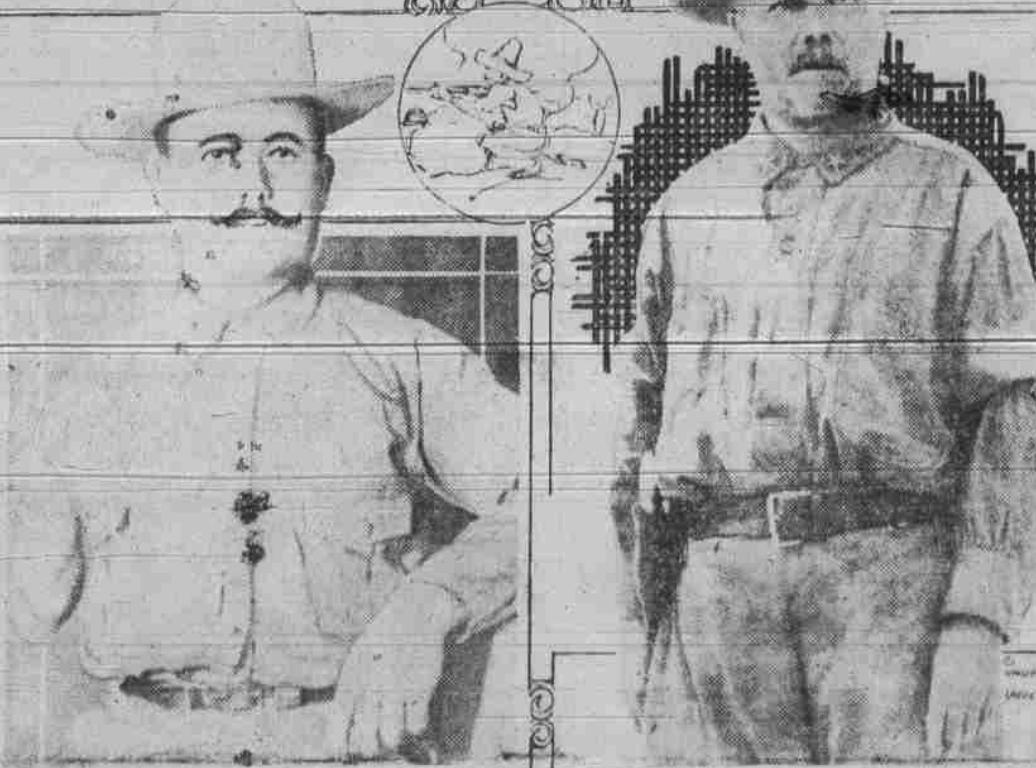
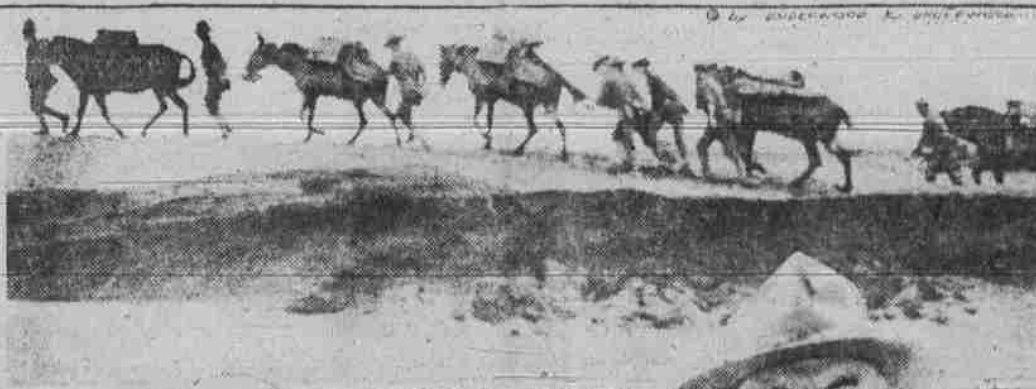
The census giving report today indicated a crop almost exactly in line with expectations and had little or no influence on the cotton market here. The opening was steady at unchanged prices to an advance of 2 points. There was some scattering lull and Wal Street selling right after the call, but prices firmed up with the active months working about 6 to 8 points net higher before the end of the first hour. July, selling at 12.21 and October 12.33.

STOCK MARKET

New York, March 20.—The week in the stock market opened with some striking gains in those specialties which recently claimed speculative attention but elsewhere the undertone was irregular. Industrial Alcohol made an initial gain of over 5 points and C. & D. Securities, Westinghouse and Diamond Securities rose 1 to 3 points. Metals were fractionally higher and equipments made similar advances. United States Steel manifested further restraint and Canadian Pacific fell a point. Union Pacific and Reading were the only rails to show firmness. Reactions extending a point or two were recorded before the end of the first hour.

CARRANZA TROOPS MAKE SUSPICIOUS MOVE TO BORDER; ADDITIONAL ARTILLERY BEING RUSHED INTO MEXICO

GENERALS AND TROOPS WORKING FOR VILLA'S DESTRUCTION



American troops in Mexico; General Obregon; General Funston. Here are the forces that are working in unison to hunt down and punish the bandit Villa. General Obregon, who recently lost an arm in battle, is Carranza's secretary of war. He is co-operating with General Funston, in charge of the American border forces. The American troops shown in the picture are receiving substantial help from Carranza's scouts, who are acting as guides in the difficult Mexican country.

SIXTY AEROPLANES OF ALLIED POWERS TAKE PART IN RAID

Allies Reply to Activity of Zeppelins and Bombard Aviation Field.

ALLIES CLAIM MUCH DAMAGE WAS DONE

Aircraft Carried Six and a Half Tons of Explosives; French Are Renewing Attacks in Greece and About Border, Retaking Towns Which Had Been Lost.

(By Associated Press.) Another aerial raid was carried out nearly today on the German aviation field at Houstave, near Zebrugg, Belgium, a squadron of 65 allied machines making the attack. The British official announcement declares that considerable damage appears to have been done by the bombs dropped. The machines carried an aggregate of about six and a half tons of explosives.

Fighting about Verdun has again slackened, says a Paris statement today, the only attack being an unsuccessful one by the Germans on the French position on Pepper Hill, north of the fortresses. The artillery activity has been intermittent, reaching considerable violence in the vicinity of Maunout, on the west bank of the Meuse.

There is renewed activity in the Balkans, north of Saloniki, a French column having occupied villages near the Greek border, which Tontouk and Bulgarian forces had entered, according to news agency advices from Saloniki. The new frontier zone has now been eliminated, it appears, and the forces of the Entente and the Central Powers are face to face along this part of the front.

A war conference of probable momentous importance is about to open in Paris, where military and political representatives of the Allies are gathering. The joint policies to be decided upon at the conference which will be presided over by the Premier of France.

LIVELY SESSION OF CITY COURT TODAY

There was a lively session of the city Recorder's court this morning and the largest number of defendants arraigned for a hearing in many moons.

James H. Halls was charged with violating the traffic ordinance but he satisfied "Ye Honor" that he was a stranger here and did not know the law. For this reason he was released.

Lucy Thorpe, a Croatian Indian, was arrested to answer the two charges of being drunk and disorderly and of larceny. The facts in the larceny case were not forthcoming and for this charge the state took a nol prosequi, while for the charge of being drunk and disorderly he was required to leave \$10 with the clerk.

James Parker and Efer Leach, two young negroes, were possessed of a deerskin to own a watch and knife held by Leo Staton, another negro and so they set about to take it on the grounds of night was right. The Recorder did not agree with this doctrine, however, and each of the negroes, will for the ensuing three months, receive their mail, Rural Delivery this city, care Camp Rose.

J. E. Cooper, a Nash county planter, was arrested at the station Sunday, charged with having too much liquor and when his luggage was taken it was found that he did have six quarts. There was no evidence to point that he had it for sale and so the court released him.

J. M. Tunnel, another planter from Nash county, who was arrested about the same time and who had a total of eight gallons in his car, did not get off so light, however, and he was fined \$20. He noted an appeal and his bond for appearance at Nash court was fixed at \$50.

CARRANZA TROOPS SAID TO HAVE LET BANDIT VILLA PASS

Bandit Chieftain Is Said to Have Served Notice of No War on Mexico.

CARRANZA SOLDIERS MASSES AT BORDER

Censorship Is Believed to Be Retarding Reports That May Attack Sincerity of Carranza; Shift of Mexican Troops Cause Concern in Army Quarters.

(By Associated Press.) El Paso, Texas, March 20.—Carranza troops stationed at Casas Grandes and other points of that section at the time General Pershing began his march into Mexico are now located at Juarez, opposite El Paso, and in the rear of General Pershing's columns, it was authoritatively stated today.

No reason has been assigned for the transfer of troops from points inland to the border.

From reliable sources it is stated that a Carranza detachment allowed Villa to pass southward on receipt of a message from the bandit leader that he was not warring against Mexico.

More Troops to Border.

Columbus, N. M., March 20.—Increased activity on the part of the troops stationed here and the arrival during the night of a number of troops and supply trains indicated that additional troops and supplies will be on their way to augment the punitive American expeditionary force now in the field in Northern Mexico. In addition to the troops which detrained here, a large part of which were cavalry, many passed through, bound, apparently, for some point westward along the border. Soldiers were kept busy throughout the day preparing combat and hospital trains and carrying equipment to the field force.

Asks Permission to Use Railroads

Washington, March 20.—General Carranza today replied to the American government's request for use of Mexican railroad lines for movement of supplies to the punitive expedition with a request for more complete information with exactly what the War Department wants. General Carranza's reply was sent to President Wilson, the information will be furnished.

Villa Reported to Double Back

El Paso, March 20.—Villa has doubled east and south to Namiquips, according to a telegram received by General Gavia at Juarez today. He reports that Carranza troops are advancing from the south, while the Americans are continuing their march from the north in the effort to close the net about the bandit.

REPUBLICANS PLAN FOR BIG CONVENTION

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, March 20.—The sub-committee of the Republican National committee assembled here today to complete arrangements for the national convention next June. Letting of the details connected with the convention hall arrangements, it is expected, will occupy the time of the committee for two days. The question of a temporary chairman for the national convention is to come up for a discussion but the prediction was made before they went into convention that a man to preside will not be chosen until April.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Side were in the city recently from Harrisonburg, Va., and are visiting at the home of their daughter Mrs. R. F. Smith.

MRS. I. B. WARREN TO KNOW HER FATE TUESDAY MORNING

Governor Craig Listens to Appeals For and Against Her Commutation.

CHRISTY'S APPEAL IS NOT HEARD TODAY

Attorney for Condemned Man Is Ill and the Plea for Clemency Is Not Taken Up This Morning, But Is Postponed Until a Later Date.

HALIFAX FARMER DIES FROM INJURIES

With his skull badly crushed as the result of being struck by a falling tree, Mr. L. H. Fleming, a prosperous Halifax county farmer, was brought to the Parkview hospital here Friday by automobile and he died at an early hour Saturday night from the injuries. Mr. Fleming's injuries were regarded as fatal from the outset though several times after reaching the hospital he regained consciousness. The injury, which was a complete fracture of the skull on the right side, was sustained in a rather peculiar manner and it was while he was directing the felling of some timber in the woods near his home that one of the trees being cut fell but a part of the way and lodged in the branches of another where it was supported. As Mr. Fleming advanced near the tree a gust from a March wind caught the branches and felled the tree from which Mr. Fleming could not extricate himself in time and one of the limbs struck him with great force upon the head.

ALL AGREE IN THE CHASE FOR VILLA

United States Specifically Instructs Funston to Occupy No Cities.

REWARD FOR LEADER

Acting Secretary of State Polk Says All Agree With Carranza, and That Chase of Bandit Villa Is Progressing Nicely.

TAGGART GETS THE SHIVELY JOB

Indiana Man Appointed to National Committee.

JEWELRY ROBBERS STILL AT WORK IN WILMINGTON

Wilmington, March 20.—Robbers of a pearl necklace and other jewelry worth over a thousand dollars from Mrs. Annie Murchison, and jewelry and other valuables from John R. Kraly, president of Atlantic Coast Line, Thursday night, came to light today. No official report of the matter was made.

SEASON REPORT IS SHORT; 12 MILLION BALES PRODUCED

Nearly Eleven Million Two Hundred Thousand Bales Takes Cotton Crop.

FINAL FIGURES ARE MADE PUBLIC TODAY

Final Statistics For Production of the 1915 Cotton Crop Are Announced by Census Bureau; Crop Is Shorter Than Previous Year's Production.

DANISH STEAMER SENT TO BOTTOM

London, March 20.—The Danish steamer Skoldborg has been sunk. Seven members of the crew were saved, three being lost.