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CARRANZA ADVISED PLAN ACCEPTABLE TO ADMINISTRATION

Differences To Be Taken Up In Direct Negotiation Is Satisfactory

REPLY IS HANDED TO THE MEXICAN OFFICER

The Note Is First Taken Before the Cabinet at Its Meeting This Morning—There Approved, It Is Sent To Mexican Ambassador.

By the Associated Press.

Washington, July 7.—A note formally accepting General Carranza's proposal that differences between the United States and the deracto government of Mexico be settled by direct negotiations was handed today to the Mexican Ambassador. Secretary Lansing took a draft of the note to today's Cabinet meeting and had it delivered after the Cabinet adjourned.

The text of the note addressed to the ambassador to be transmitted to the Mexican foreign minister follows:

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your courteous note transmitted to me by Senior Arredondo on the fourth instant in which you refer to my note of June 20 and June 25 and to assure you of the sincere gratification of my government in the frank statement of the difficulty which have unfortunately arisen in our relations along the international boundry and the unreserved expression of the desire of your government for an adjustment of these difficulties on a broad and amicable basis. A same spirit of friendship and solicitude for the continuance of cordial relations between our two countries inspires my government which is equally desirous of an immediate solution of the matters of difference which have long vexed both governments. It is especially pleasing to my government that the defacto government of Mexico is disposed to give quick, as well as practical consideration in a spirit of concord to the remedies which may be applied to the existing conditions. Reciprocating the same desire the government of the United States is prepared immediately to exchange views as to a practical plan to remove and finalyl prevent a recurrence of the difficulties which have been the source of the difficulties.

(Signed) "ROBERT LANSING."

RUN DOWN BY AUTO ON CAMDEN BRIDGE

Elizabeth City, July 7.—Another automobile accident occured Tuesday afternoon on the Camden Ferry Bridge, when an unknown colored man was run over by an automobile and seriously injured. The name of the unfortunate man and the driver of the machine could not be learned. The negro was given all medical attention possible, although it is feared that his hip has been dislocated.

SENT POISONED CANDY TO TWO YOUNG WOMEN

Harrisonburg, Va., July 7.—Mrs Margaret Sipe, 58 years old, was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary today for sending poisoned candy to two young women at Grottors, Va., whe she claimed "exerted an evil influence" over her son.

Mrs. Sipe confessed that on April 1 she sent the poisoned candy to a Miss Kyger and Mrs. Hattie Kyger Baugher. A younger sister was made desperately ill, but the intended victims escaped.

COTTON MARKET

(By Associated Press.)

[illegible] July 7.—Cotton futures [illegible] July 12.98; October, [illegible].32; March 13.51. [illegible] opened steady at [illegible] points today and [illegible] higher during [illegible] October touching [illegible] 13.33. The [illegible] declining [illegible] quiet not [illegible] prices.

WILMINGTON HAS MILITARY ASPECT

Citizens Committee Hopes to Put End to Strike By a Compromise

MILITIA PATROLS ST.

There Are One Hundred and Fifty Deputies Sworn In, And Effort Will Be Made To Run City Cars Today. City Quiet.

By the Associated Press.

Wilmington, July 7.—In an effort to settle the strike here of street car motormen and conductors, a committee of citizens was inconference this afternoon with representatives of the traction company and representatives of the union. Although no disorder had been reported, one company of militia and 150 citizens deputized by the sheriff still patrolled the streets as a precautionary measure. The traction company announced that it would attempt to operate cars in the city late today. The surburban cars have continued without interruption.

JUDGE BOND MUCH ANNOYED BY CASE IN GREENE

By the Associated Press.

Kinston, July 7.—"There is not an intelligent man in North Carolina who believes that a crowd of one hundred negroes would come at midnight, batter down a jail without resistence, lynch a white man, and get away without somebody's detection." Judge Bond exclaimed at the opening of the morning session of the Green county lynching investigation today. Judge Bond had called William E. Debnam, editor of the Snow Hill Standard Laconic into court to explain the statement in this week's issue referring to Arch Frizzel and Sam Stocks.

"The best of legal talent was on hand to look after their interest but the report is that they were not allowed to do so." The satement of Debnam said.

Judge Band demanded the authority and the meaning of the words.

Editor Debnam declared the statement did not represent his view and he would correct it next week.

DURHAM COUNTY FAIR DEAD

County Commissioners Decline to Lend Any Aid

Durham, N. C., July 7.—The Durham county fair was probably dealth a death blow yesterday afternoon when the county commissioners refused to lend financial aid to the undertaking. Plans for an elaborate fair ground had been drawn, following the city's offer of $10,000, provided the county would contribute a like amount. Promoters of the affair felt that the county would contribute this amount in view of the fact that it was he county's fair and were surprised when he commissioners refused to aid even to the extent of convict labor.

TWO CASES IN [illegible] CITY COURT TODAY

There were [illegible] two cases and a total of three [illegible]dants for the morning session of [illegible]ty court today. Recorder Foun[illegible] presided while Solicitor Gravely p[illegible]d the docket.

Hugh Malo[illegible], Johnnie Battle, two young negro[illegible] held to answer the charge of a[illegible]y. The facts as brought out [illegible] to place the blame on Malone [illegible] was required to pay a fin[illegible] The other defendant was [illegible] hos[illegible]

Charles Wi[illegible] held on the charge of ret[illegible] the facts could not be prove[illegible] defendant was released.

ACCUSED [illegible]ck WHITE MAN TAKEN [illegible]O VIRGINIA

Durham, July [illegible] Sheriff J. W. Staples, of Stuart, Pa[illegible]k county, Virginia yesterday return[illegible] to his home with Richard Stakes, th[illegible]oung man arrested here Wednesday c[illegible]arged with criminal assault. Sheriff S[illegible]ples said the young white man confe[illegible]d one of the most brutal assaults [illegible] history of Virginia, upon Mrs. Ma[illegible]y Lackey, wife of Rev. W. H. Lackey, a well known minister of Stuart. In order to avoid an angry mob, said to be gathered in Pollock county county, Sheriff Staples said he would make the trip from Greensboro to Stuart by way of au[illegible]omobile. Armed men have been searching for the prisoner for several days, the Sheriff said.

Last night at her [illegible] on Pearl street, Mrs. [illegible] gave a stag supper in honor [illegible] Clifton P. Dawson. The occa[illegible]

NIGHT RIDERS IN DUPLIN TERRORIZE CITIZENS OF COUNTY

Armed Men Terrorize Stock Law Adherents and Fire Into Homes

LIVES OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN DANGER

Small Band of Determined Men Are Arming to Resist Attacks of the Marauders That are Operating in Some Neighborhoods.

Hennansville, N. C., July 7.—Night Riders, armed, masked and apparently bent on enforcing their will, are terrorizing stock law adherents in a section of Duplin county, near Beulaville. fences have been razed and other property damaged and several persons have narrowly escaped death at their hands.

Men threatened with death or violence are arming to resist. Amos Brown is the leader of a small, but determined band in one neighborhood. Brown and his neighbors have defied the night riders and, it is reported, will shoot to kill at the next visit of the marauders to their vicinity.

Several houses have been fired into. Window panes were shot out of one home and a woman and several children endangered.

The State and district authorities have been informed of the situation. Vigorous action is anticipated.

Judge O. H. Allen of the judicial district has been in the county and informed himself of the conditions. Judge Allen found that a fairly large area was being menaced by the band.

Duplin county is under the fence law. The majority of the people are against it, however, county officials say. In spite of the sentiment against the law, the great majority of the population is frowning on the activities of the night riders, and it is only fear of the disguised men who canter over the countryside in the dark that keeps down a general outcry against their lawlessness.

The raiders are not numerous, but seem to be well organized. All carry arms and do not hesitate at showing them when bent on business. One man who received warning that he should turn his stock out into "free range" land disregarded it. The wire fences that he put up were cut to pieces overnight.

Judge Allen, who is a native of the county, declares belief that the broader-minded citizens will see to it that the raiders are broken up.

The stock law has been a thorn in the side of Dunn county since it became effective. It caused a division that, it is feared, has bred factions and enmities that will last for years. Most of the surrounding counties are stock law territory.

Intelligent men are thought to be among the members of the night riders' band. There has been discovered no definite clue to the identity of any of them; if there has the clue is a secret in the menaced neighborhood.

It is believed quick action will be taken before bloodshed results.

MANY ARE HURT IN TRAIN WRECK IN MISS.

By the Associated Press.

Hattiesburg, Miss, July 7.—A northbound Gulf and Ship Island passenger train was wrecked at Bond, Miss. about twenty miles south of here early today and Engineer Robert Thompson and the fireman were killed and many passengers injured, according to reports received here. It was said that all but one of the coaches were overturned.

EXTREME PENALTY FOR BURGLAR IN WILMINGTON

By the Associated Press.

Raleigh, July 7.—Lawrence Swinson, a Wilmington negro, was electrocuted in the penitentiary here today for first degree burglary. The negro was the first ever electrocuted in North Carolina for thsi offense.

Swinson was convicted at the May term of the Superior court in Wilmington after confessing the burglary of five homes in that city prior to his arrest.

BRITISH GUNS AND LEADERS THAT FIGURE IN HUGE OFFENSIVE

British guns on western front. General Sir J. Wolfe Murray (left) and General Sir Douglas Haig.

During the past week the British on the western front have shown that they as well as the Germans have fighting qualities. Important gains have been made, and the end is apparently not yet. The British armies are under the command of Sir Douglas Haig, and one of his ablest generals is General Sir Wolf Murray, K. C. B., R. A. The opening of the war found the British with inferior guns. This inferiority has slowly been overcome, and the British artillery is now reported to be equal to that of their foes.

TROPICAL STORM IS DEMISHING IN INTENSITY

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, July 7.—The tropical storm which struck the Gulf coast last Wednesday appears to have about spent itself. Weather reports today indicated that the storm was over Northern Mississippi with a tendency towards a northeastern movement but that its intensity was diminishing. The first reports received by the bureau from Mobile and Pensacola showed that the wind reached a minimum velocity of 100 miles in the former city and 80 miles in the latter city.

SHIPPING LOSSES IN GULF STORM

New Orleans, July 7.—The Norwegian steamer Freda, sailing from New Orleans, June 27 for Progresso, Mex., was driven on a reef in the Gulf of Mexico during heavy weather on the night of June 28, according to a cablegram received by local agents of the owner from Progresso today. The message stated that the captain and crew of 21 were taken off by the steamers Tehuanpeck, which was sent from Progresso to search for the freighter.

FOUR ARE DEAD AT MOBILE

Salem, Ala., July 7.—A message received here today from Mobile over a railroad wire says that at least three or four persons there were killed during the hurricane of Wednesday and that much damage was done to shipping and water front property. No word had reached Mobile from Pensacola or Gulf port points.

GUARDSMEN FORCED SLEEP ON STREETS

Montgomery, July 7.—The Alabama mobilization camp is under several inches of water. At least twenty-five men were sent to hospitals early this morning threatened with pneumonia.

Last night the soldiers were told to find places in Montgomery to sleep but having no meny few of them could be provided with places of shelter for the night. An appeal is being made today and tonight practically all homes will be thrown opth to them.

Columbus, N. M., July 7.—Parts of the Massachusetts and New Mexico national guard organizations mobilized here wil be sent into Mexico within the next few days to a[illegible] General Pershing's [illegible] tion. This [illegible] military [illegible]

OXFORD BUGGY MFG. ACCIDENTLY SHOT DIES

By the Associated Press.

Durham, July 7.—Ernest J. Taylor, a well known buggy manufacturer of Oxford, died in a hospital here today, as the result of an accidental pistol wound received Wednesday evening. Mr. Taylor was cleaning the weapon when a cartridge was discharged, the bullet entering his abdomen.

INFANTILE DISEASE CONTINUES TO SPEAD IN N. Y.

By the Associated Press.

New York, July 7.—With city, State and Federal authorities fighting the disease, the epidemic of infantile paralysis showed little signs of abatement today. During the 24 hours ending at 10 o clock this morning 22 more children died, nineteen of this number succumbed in Brooklyn. There were 87 new cases reported.

CLEAN-UP DAY IN ELIZABETH CITY

Elizabeth City, July 7.—Wednesday was clean-up day in Elizabeth City. After the great throng of vistors here on the Fourth the streets were covered with rubbish and Mr. Commander had his entire force out early hauling away the garbage. By noon everything was innormal condition, after the greatest Fourth in the history fo the city.

NORFOLK CAPITAL ERECT BIG BAKERY

Durham, July 7.—C. H. and T. D. Sammons of Norfolk will operate a $10,000 wholesale bakery in Durham. The equipment and machinery will be installed by Norfolk capital. R. B. Wright Durham's wealthiest capitalist, is a lot the co[illegible] for the erection of the building [illegible] house the new enterprise. The capacity of the plant will enable the [illegible] 20,000 loaves of bread daily. [illegible]

SOUTH CAROLINA CONVICT TAKEN HERE

Two negro convicts for whom the State of South Carolina has offered a reward of $50 each and who escaped from the State farm near Columbia on the night of June 30 have been taken in this city and will be returned to the South Carolina authorities. There were eight convicts who made their escape on the night of the date named and the two taken here by Chief of Police Hedgepeth and Sergeant Denby are George Murray, colored, sent up from Charleston county in 1915 for assault with intent to kill. This negro has about two more years to serve. The other negro taken is Alvin Stevens sent up from the same county in 1916 for a charge of housebreaking and larceny and has about three more years to serve.

The negroes were captured by officers here for a charge of vagrancy and while they had discarded to all outward appearances the clothing worn in the penitentiary, they still heir to their shirts of penitentiary garb, which it happened, had so faded as not to be easily distinguishable. However, a more close examination disclosed the fact that the suits were lettered and were of the conventional black stripe. The negroes then confessed their identity and the South Carolina officers were notified.

NO CHANG IN THE SITUATION ALONG BORDER

By the Associated Press.

San Antonio, Texas, July 7.—General Funston advices from the border today indicated no change in the military situation, General Pershings report that a rumor had reached him of Villa's reappearance south of Parral placed the reported estimate of his men at from 500 to 2,000.

Trains bearing guardsmen to border stations were moving in fewer numbers. The greater part of the national guard that was ordered to respond to the call for service already has reached the bor[illegible]

GERMANS PRESSED HARD ON EAST BY THE ALLIES FORCES

British Claim an Advance of Over Thuosand Yards In Somme Region

RUSSIA'S MOVES ARE MENACE TO AUSTRIA

French and Bri[illegible] Are Said To Have Brought [illegible] Artillery Forces Prep[illegible]tory to Another Advan[illegible] on the Western Front.

GERMANS TAKE A BRITISH STEAMER.

Berlin, July 7.—Official announcement was made today that the British steamship Lestris was held up by German warships near the English coast and seized as a prize. The statement says the Lestris was held up by a portion of the German high sea forces.

By the Associated Press.

London, July 7.—The second phase of the great battle on the western front has now begun. The artillery has been brought up to new positions and is again battering the German defenses. The bombardment extends as far north as Labassee and Armentiers and, according to the latest unofficial advices is particularly intense.

British long range guns are shelling the German positions and the roads in their rear and until the infantry against them leave the trenches it will be uncertain where the next attacks are to be launched. In addition to losses of the Germans in guns, men, and territory, the Anglo-French advances has compelled them to withdraw some of their forces from the Verdun front and it is expected in London that the army which has withstood the German onslaught for the past five months will be given a brief rest.

On the western front the Russians who now apparently have even a better supply of guns and ammunition than their adversary seems to pass from one phase to another without intermission. The Russian army, which took Bukovina and cut the railroad from Delayvn and Korosemzo is advancing in an effort to completely overcome the Austrian forces on that front.

Another Russian force is continuing to deliver heavy strokes against the Russians and Germans who are endeavoring to keep them from Kovel.

With these operations in full swing the Russians to the north have inaugurated an offensive from Riga to Barnovinchi. Along the northern end of the line from Riga to Dvinsk a big bombardment has begun. While from a point east from Vilna to Barnoviska artillery firing was followed by infantry attacks in which the Russians took many prisoners, repulsing German counter attacks near Smorgan, the Russians and Germans also are engaged in a severe struggle.

Roumania, it is said here, is awaiting some move by the entente forces at Salonikki.

The near east interested in the battles through the Caucasus in Mesopotamia. The Russian army [illegible] advancing towards Bagdad [illegible] back under pressure of some [illegible]ish forces brought against it, [illegible] where from the Black sea to the [illegible] frontier the Russians are more [illegible] holding their own.

No news has been received recently from the British army in Mesopotamia but it is believed inactivity is forced by the intense heat.

London, July 7.—Capture by the British of a German trench on a front of [illegible],000 yards east of La Boisselle in the Somme region was announced officially today.

The British resumed the offensive on certain sectors east of Albert at dawn today. At the same time the Germans launched heavy attack on the British trenches near Ancre. Violent fighting is now in progress.

In the vicinity of Ovillers and Contalmison as well as near La Boisselle the British made progress. In the region of Thiepval, the Germans regained a section of lost ground.

Roanoke, Va., July 7.—Dr. Jos[illegible] Gale, for 25 years chief surgeon Norfolk and Western railroad [illegible] yesterday after a long [illegible] a member of important [illegible] civic organizations [illegible] part of the [illegible]