

# OBREGON TRIED TO RELIEVE SUFFERING

### Head of National Railways Says Obregon Is Idolized by the Poor.

Vera Cruz, March 11.—The declaration that General Obregon acted in good faith in his efforts to relieve the sufferings of the poor in Mexico City; denial of the charges that he prevented the distribution of food furnished for the poor, and other acts which were calculated to complicate the situation, is the substance of a statement which is being prepared by Alberto J. Pani, head of the National railways, for Charles A. Douglas, Carranza's Washington attorney who is here. It is understood that the statement will be included in that which is to be delivered to the state department.

Pani asserts that Obregon is idolized by the poor of Mexico City and that the conditions created were due not to him but to the opposition of wealthy people whose intention was to bring Obregon and the constitutionalist cause into disrepute.

Pani is prepared to give details as to the quantity of food shipped to Mexico City; and how much was shipped out and by whom. He will make efforts to disprove charges that Obregon deliberately tried to drive the people to desperation. He will also submit an exact statement as to the amount of funds collected by Obregon, and the uses to which they were put.

# RULES GOVERNING INTERNED VESSELS

### Time Allowed for Repairs—Time of Departure Is Kept Secret.

Washington, March 10.—According to the doctrine laid down by the American government in other cases similar to that of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich the collector of customs must communicate with the vessel and give the captain 24 hours in which to take on coal and provisions. If there are repairs to be made the respite may be longer. In that case the naval contractor examines the damage to the vessel and reports what he thinks would be a reasonable time in which the repairs could be made and the German ship would be given 24 hours additional time to leave.

In the meantime the American government would keep secret the time of the vessel's departure in order that no unfair advantage might accrue to hostile vessels which might be gathered to await for the German ship.

Officials here are of the opinion that the presence of British and French warships close to the Atlantic coast might influence the German warship to intern here. How the Prinz Eitel Friedrich may get through the closely patrolled waters is a subject of much speculation.

The disposition of the prisoners of war on the German ship has raised another question. They will possibly be paroled.

Officials here await information before taking any action. Word of the arrival of the German vessel was communicated to the German embassy by the captain. The announcement was received with surprise as nothing had been heard of the cruiser for many weeks. It was believed the vessel was somewhere off the South American coast. The only report that the captain made was that he had put in at Newport News. He gave no details and asked for no instructions.

With the definite location of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich there remains at large exclusively of ships in German waters only three German warships. These are the Kron Prinz Wilhelm, the auxiliary cruiser; the protected cruiser Dresden; and the cruiser Karlsruhe.

# WOMAN TOOK POISON ENOUGH TO KILL SIX

### Guest at Greensboro Hotel Swallowed Glass of Water Containing Bichloride.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Greensboro, March 10.—A young woman, who gives her name as Katherine Batchelor, and who is said to be from Laurin, took bichloride of mercury in her room at the European hotel about one o'clock yesterday morning, and is still very sick, although the attending physician hopes now that her life can be saved. "She had quarrelled with one of her friends," was the only explanation that could be advanced.

She had been at the hotel since last Friday, and Monday evening appeared to be in perfect health and so far as casual observers could tell, free from worry. A little after one o'clock she telephoned to the night clerk to come to her room; when he arrived he found her in agony from the effects of the drug, which she had taken some ten minutes before. She had dissolved two ordinary anti-septic tablets in a glass of water, which she drank. Each tablet contained 7/8 or 7/16 grains of poison. One tablet is more than enough to inflict certain death, and the glass of water was strong enough to have killed half a dozen men.

# THE WHITE WAY WEEK BOOSTERS ARE READY

### High Pointers Will Leave Friday to Visit Thomasville, Lexington, Denton.

Special to The Gazette-News.

High Point, March 11.—The boosters of the High Point great white way week are getting things in shape to start early Friday morning to visit Thomasville, Lexington, and Denton. There will be perhaps 25 automobiles in line and will be filled with the merchants of the city who are members of the association. Mr. Wood and Mr. Thacker are working hard for the success of the occasion which will undoubtedly be a great success. Machines will start from the Elwood hotel.

Dr. J. D. Mann, whose brother was murdered in Durham last night, left here this morning for Durham. The news to Dr. Mann was a great shock. The Elks have issued a paper in the interest of the minstrel show to be "pulled off" soon and is considered a success. It contains humorous writings of the members who are to take part as well as carrying the program for the three shows.

IF THE BABY IS CUTTING TEETH USE Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup A SPLENDID REGULATOR PURELY VEGETABLE—NOT NARCOTIC

# TRAVELING SALESMAN TRIED FOR LARCENY

### Held for Superior Court Under \$200 Bond—Another Case Continued.

H. S. Walsh, a traveling salesman visiting this city, found himself in a pack of trouble yesterday when he was arraigned in Police court, facing two charges of larceny. In the first case, he was charged with the theft of a raincoat and a razor from Rex Brown and probable cause was found he was placed under a \$200 bond for Superior court. In the second case, he was charged with the larceny of a raincoat from the lobby of a local hotel and the case was continued until March 20.

Through friends in the city, the accused managed to raise bond in the first case and was released from custody. From the evidence in the case, it developed that the prisoner was intoxicated at the time that the alleged theft occurred, and that he was almost wholly ignorant of the happenings. He is said to be employed by a very prominent firm.

# CAMPAIGN WORKERS ON EACH SIDE ARE BUSY

There was a well attended meeting of the supporters of commission government Tuesday night at the offices in the Electrical building. Representatives from all the precincts as well as those not officially connected with the movement were present.

A visitor at the headquarters of either opponents or proponents of the proposed charter will find scenes of great activity. At one table he will see a group of men studying maps of the city, and making diagrams of certain localities; while others are studiously reading over long lists of names. Those interested in maps are not army men, but they probably know the city of Asheville as thoroughly as the German officers with their pocket maps knew the towns of Belgium or northern France. And while those giving their time to municipal nomenclature are not connected with the census bureau, they can tell more about a man's history, his temperament and habits of thought, than any census taker ever found out.

Both sides are working industriously, and each expresses confidence in the other's defeat at the polls.

Traveling Man Robbed.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Rocky Mount, March 11.—A 12-year-old negro boy, John Holloway, with money galore attracted the suspicion of local police and he is held in the local police station, and according to his alleged confessions and the circumstantial evidence it is believed he is guilty of having rifled the pockets of a traveling man in a Bethel hotel last week and having taken \$4. The loser of the money was a traveling salesman, T. J. Wortham, from Baltimore, Md.

# FORMAL OPENING SALE FRIDAY & SATURDAY, March 12 and 13

## Special Introductory Offer

We are going to give a new Spring Hat with every order placed for a Suit of Clothes on the two days of our formal opening Sale.

\$2.00 Hat with every \$15.00 or \$20.00 Suit.  
\$3.00 Hat with every Suit worth \$25 and up.

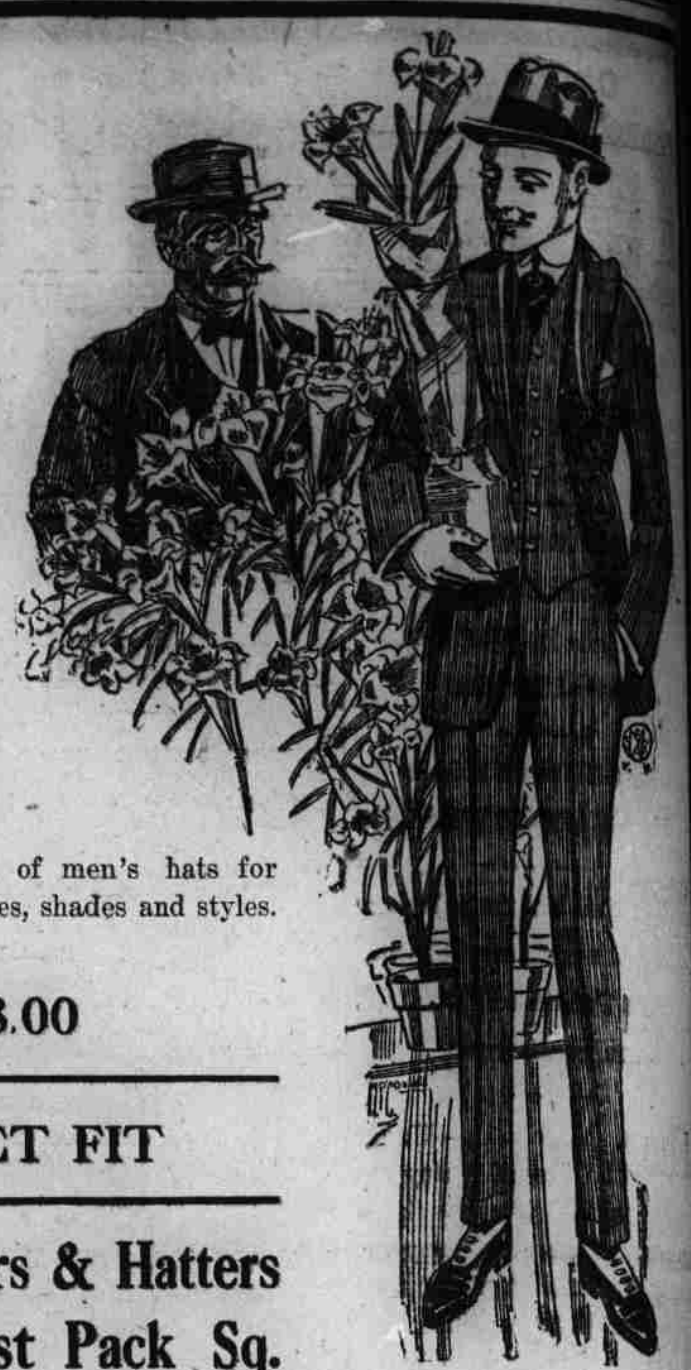
We have a complete line of four hundred beautiful suit patterns ranging in price from \$15 to \$40. A large number of attractive patterns at \$15 and \$20.

Suits Tailored to Measure \$2.00 and \$3.00

WE POSITIVELY GUARANTEE A PERFECT FIT

# MORRIS AND COMPANY Tailors & Hatters

1000 SOUVENIRS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. EVERY VISITOR WILL RECEIVE ONE.



# ANOTHER CONTRACTOR IS AWARDED THE JOB

### Royster and Elam of Shelby Will Build the Shelby to Casar Railroad.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Shelby, March 11.—W. T. Clement and L. J. Hawley, who were awarded the contract 30 days ago to build the railroad from Shelby to Casar, a distance of 21 miles, failed to put up their bond of \$10,000 at the expiration of the 30 days in which they were allowed by the county commissioners, so a resolution was passed by the board giving S. S. Royster and O. Elam, of this place, 30 days in which to put up a bond of \$10,000 to carry out the same contract which was signed with Hawley and Clement. The proposition is that the builders construct and equip a steam road according to standard specifications and as soon as the \$10,000 bond is given to show good faith, the \$50,000 in bonds voted by the Belwood-Fallston and Casar districts are to be issued, placed in the hands of a trustee and turned over to the builders along with the \$40,000 in bonds voted by the county when the road is in operation. Mr. Hawley wrote that the death of the wife of the man who had agreed to finance the proposition made it impossible for him to make his arrangements and put up the bond in the specified time.

# WOODMEN OF WORLD IN ANNUAL CONVENTION

### Durham, March 11.—The state convention of the Woodmen of the World in session here elected the following officers:

Head counsel, E. E. Wise of Greensboro; head adviser, B. E. Grant of Hendersonville; banker, J. W. Fleet of Wilmington; clerk, J. H. Gordon of Concord; escort, Dr. Bonner of Morehead City; watchman, J. E. Gilmore of Lumberton; sentry, L. E. Cunningham of Tarboro.

# Y. M. C. A. BOWLING SCORES

The teams at the Y. M. C. A. striving for the individual bowling championship of the association, bowled some very good series Tuesday on "Y" alleys. The team of Suggs and Garner had the high total for the night with their count of 1,166 pins and Garner drew the single high game with his count of 215 pins. The scores follow:

White	190	185	201	576
Neely	157	170	173	500
Gd. Tot.	347	355	374	1076
Hill	129	182	153	464

# OFFICERS

EDWIN L. RAY, Pres.  
GEO. A. MURRAY, V. Pres.  
JOHN A. CAMPBELL, Cashier

# Statement of Condition of Citizens Bank, Asheville, N. C. At the Close of Business March 4, 1915

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$515,873.39	Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,000.00	Surplus and Profits	35,004.51
Cash and Reserve	70,648.38	Bills Payable	50,000.00
	\$591,521.77	Deposits	456,517.26
			\$591,521.77

### DIRECTORS

S. LIPINSKY, Dry Goods.	JULIUS C. MARTIN, Lawyer.	M. H. KELLY, Water and Sewer Contractor.
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