

## ALL GOING WELL WITH THE AMERICAN PUNITIVE FORCES NOW IN MEXICO

### CARRANZA MEN AID AMERICANS

General Funston Submits Satisfactory Report Concerning Movements of Expeditionary Troops.

### CENSOR SUPPRESSES THE DETAILS, HOWEVER

Only Once Incident of Violence Reported in Connection With Invasion—Carranza's Co-Operation Reassuring.

San Antonio, Tex., March 16.—The first reports from Brigadier General John J. Pershing, commanding the American expeditionary forces in Mexico, to Major General Funston, stating that all was going well, were received at Fort Sam Houston early today. The reports dealt with the disposition of the various units, the distance of the first day's march, and the movements of the Carranza troops. All these matters come under the censorship (however, and were not made public.

General Pershing's auspicious start into Mexico without opposition from the Mexican forces and apparently without disturbances resulting along the border were the principal topics of conversation at Fort Sam Houston, the headquarters of General Frederick Funston, commander of the border forces.

Next in interest was the successful working of the censorship imposed after it was decided to catch and punish Villa for the Columbus outrage.

Ever since he began planning the expedition movements, General Funston has paid close attention to the attitude of the Carranza followers. When General Pershing wired yesterday that he had crossed the border and that he had been joined by Carranza forces stationed at Palomas, General Funston evinced satisfaction. This was heightened today when early reports indicated that the only violence on the entry of the American troops into Mexico occurred near Kingsville, Tex., where a small detachment of troops guarding the Barredo bridge on the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexican railroad was fired on about midnight.

Washington, March 16.—President Wilson was informed by Secretary of War Baker early today that both columns of American troops were now in Mexico in pursuit of Villa and his bandit band and were meeting with the hearty co-operation of the Carranza soldiers.

Columbus, N. M., March 16.—(Via Mail to El Paso)—The American expeditionary forces which entered Mexico yesterday spent an uneventful night

in camp but a short distance across the American line.

Washington, March 16.—President Wilson and officials of the war department turned expectantly toward Mexico for news of developments following the movement of American troops across the international boundary line yesterday in pursuit of Villa and his band of outlaws. Word of actual clashes between the two forces, however, was not expected for several days at least.

The prospects today were that the public would have to content themselves with only meagre news of the happenings in Mexico. What is probably one of the most complete censorships in the nation's history is in full force. Under it no dispatches that might be of value to the enemy will be allowed to pass over the lines of communication, nor will details which might interfere with General Funston's plans for secrecy be made public here.

### SALUDA VOTES FOR SCHOOL BUILDING

Galloway and Powers Capture Still and Two Men—Tryon Tourists Numerous.

Special to The Times.  
Saluda, March 16.—Sheriff Drake of Henderson county yesterday captured a large blockade still and two men in an isolated section on Green river, Joe Bartley and Tate Richards being the men caught in the act of violating Uncle Sam's statutes in regard to the manufacture of illicit spirits. The men will be held for trial at the next term for criminal cases in the United States court at Asheville. United States Deputy Marshal J. F. Garner of Asheville this morning took the men in custody.

In a spirited contest yesterday the citizens of Saluda voted in favor of a \$10,000 bond issue for a school building for the town. There has never been a school building within the corporate limits, the children being compelled to go some distance to attend a union school. The board of education is much gratified at the results of the election. Only nine votes were cast against the measure.

Reports from Tryon indicate unusual prosperity in the winter tourist business at that place. One hotel there yesterday stated that applications from seven guests had to be refused on account of lack of room.

### CONDEMNED PRISONERS ARE TAKEN TO RALEIGH

Only Governor's Clemency Can Save Mrs. Warren From Electric Chair.

Raleigh, March 16.—Mrs. Ida Ball Warren and Samuel Christy, condemned to death for the murder of the woman's husband at Winston-Salem several months ago, and sentenced to be electrocuted March 31, were delivered to the state prison authorities today.

Governor Craig on March 20 will hear petitions for commutation of the death sentences of Mrs. Warren and Christy, but will treat each as a separate case.

### KNOXVILLE MAN MAY BE MADE ASSISTANT SEC.

Washington, March 16.—President Wilson is considering the appointment of Assistant Secretary of State to succeed Mr. Brockbridge, who resigned when Secretary Garrison gave up his portfolio. Colonel Tyson has the support of the congressional delegation from Tennessee for the place.

### MAY TAKE FORSYTH SHERIFF TO TASK

Gov. Craig Will Investigate If Winston Prisoners Are Not Delivered.

Raleigh, March 16.—Governor Craig announced today that if Mrs. Ida Ball Warren and Samuel Christy were not delivered by the sheriff of Forsyth county at the state prison tomorrow morning, he would take steps to ascertain the cause of the delay on the part of the Forsyth county official in delivering the prisoners. It is understood that the sheriff will be asked why he has not complied with the law and delivered the prisoners to the state penitentiary twenty days before the date of the execution of the couple for the murder of G. J. Warren, the woman's husband. They are sentenced to die March 31. State prison officials said today they had heard nothing from Winston-Salem as to the delivery of the prisoners.

### STUDENTS FORM A SAVINGS CLUB

4 B Grade of Orange Street School Learning to Earn and Save Money.

While primary students in the public schools are not supposed to take up the study of economics, the Asheville school children are becoming interested in this branch of knowledge, the latest club to be formed being the Savings club of the 4B grade of Orange Street school. Thirteen scholars have already enlisted to learn the lessons of earning and saving money under the direction of their instructor, Miss Helen Johnson.

Principal W. J. Barton stated today that the boys and girls are taking great interest in working to secure a part of the circulating medium for their personal possession and Mr. Barton regards the idea as being as important as any that can be taught the pupils.

The students earn money selling papers and magazines and each has a savings bank account with one of the Asheville banks. The members of the club are Peyton Watkins, Joseph Sternberg, James Nixon, Herbert Nixon, Nell Caudle, Irene Williams, Louisa Saunders, Fred Ross, William Fawcett, Howard Post, Harry Brown, Helen Bart, Augusta Barnett.

### SEASON RECORDS BROKEN IN SOUTH FOR COLD

10 to 27 Below Average—13 at Asheville—Lowest For This Date.

Washington, March 16.—Temperatures in the south were from 19 to 27 degrees below the seasonal average this morning. The freezing weather extended as far south as northern Florida, and the frost line as far as central Florida, the weather bureau announced today.

Freezing weather is predicted again for tonight with the frost line probably reaching to the 24 meridian on Florida. Rising temperatures are promised for Friday east of the Mississippi.

### ATT'Y GENERAL TALK RENEWED

Report That Bailey Is to Enter Race Indicates That Entries Are Not Necessarily Finished.

### UNCERTAINTY ATTENDS MANY SIDED CONTEST

Daughtridge Men Claim 88 Counties and Prospect of Others—Bank and Other Concerns Chartered.

Raleigh, March 16.—Collector J. W. Bailey's statement to the newspapers respecting Parker Anderson's story of renewed attorney general talk, is brief but it shows that the entries are not necessarily all over.

It does not indicate that he will be the next. It tells what newspaper men have often commented upon here—that considerable uncertainty has attended this many-sided contest and that the party does not appear to be satisfied with the line-up.

Last spring this correspondence committed Bailey to a very large desire to make the race. The collector later negated that categorical bit of prophecy. Then came R. A. Daughtridge who lacked but three inches of crossing the dead line, but he backed out. Then came Winston-Salem men to feel the situation for A. H. Eller while his own papers scouted the idea. Then came the town papers urging Mr. Eller to make the fight. As yet he is silent.

The circumstance went to prove the unsatisfactory situation. Several weeks ago party leaders who urged Mr. Bailey to stay out last year implored him to come in this year. He had written a candidate—and it is believed that Colonel Edmund Jones is the man—that he would not offer himself. The election is one of the four or five now in and upon him may depend Bailey's course.

The party call which has been hard to resist is the one referred to a year ago. The democracy wants advocates this year and as advocate it has no pair upon whom it would lean so heavily as Bailey, the successor of Bickett, and Bickett the successor of Craig. Those two would draw tremendously to the hustlings and this is the procuring spirit of it all.

What Bailey Says.  
Collector Bailey several days ago promised the Raleigh boys protection if the attention reached such proportions as to make necessary a public statement. He was one of the most surprised when he read the story yesterday.

Daughtridge Claims 88 Counties.  
Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge's campaign managers, James E. Carrara and Paul R. Capelle, while others were preparing a place for their candidate in the collectorship at Raleigh, were figuring upon their preliminary survey and firmly re-enforcing their faith.

"We have just completed a preliminary canvass of the state and the result is highly gratifying," they said. "Out of the one hundred counties in the state it is practically certain at this time that Governor Daughtridge will receive a good majority in 88; he has excellent prospects of carrying 22 more, and has a fighting chance in most of the others. We have made no campaign in Franklin county and don't expect to do so. To invade our distinguished opponent's home county seems to us a proceeding of doubtful propriety. And we want to conduct a campaign that will leave no bad taste in the mouth of any one after it is over."

In our opinion Mr. Bickett could have been nominated two years ago. Two years before the Baltimore convention there was a general understanding that Judson Harmon would be a strong candidate for the democratic presidential nomination. And yet when the convention was actually held, Mr. Harmon didn't get within telephoning distance of the nomination. In our opinion Mr. Bickett will be the Judson Harmon of this campaign. The attorney general is a fine lawyer and an excellent gentleman, but the people and the party workers indicate that another is their choice for governor this year, and in the democratic party the people rule."

The lieutenant governor's headquarters here are doing a lot of their campaigning through letters and the mails bear great loads of literature. Thus far the Bickett campaign has been conducted steadily but without the last lap energy that gives excitement for the final spurt. The race from now on will be a hot one.

The secretary of state has chartered a new bank. The Citizens Bank of Gates, with \$5,000 paid in capital. There are 88 stockholders with T. H. Hines of Gates one of the largest. The bank makes the second chartered this week.

### ANOTHER PAUSE BEFORE VERDUN

Crown Prince's Troops Have Not Again Advanced to Attack Since Success of Tuesday.

One of the frequent pauses which have characterized the German campaign for Verdun is again in evidence. After making their gains Tuesday to the west of the Meuse in the direction of Dead Man's hill, the crown prince's army has not again advanced to attack. Speedy resumption of the drive in this sector is not indicated as probably, as a slackening of the intensity of bombardment is reported.

Apparently there is anticipation on the part of the French that the next German movement may be to the southwest of the fortress in the flank of the operations, as the French guns have been extremely active on the heights of the Meuse overlooking the Woivre plain.

### HOUSES VOTE TO STRENGTHEN ARMY

Congress Passes Resolution to Recruit Army to Its Full Strength.

Washington, March 16.—The senate has approved unanimously the joint resolution adopted by the house Tuesday to bring the mobile army up to its full strength which would add about 20,000 men to the regulars. The resolution now goes to the president for his approval.

U. S. Army "Pathetic."  
New York, March 16.—Colonel Edwin F. Glenn, chief of staff of the department of the east, United States army, in an address last night at an "army and navy" dinner given by the "Sphinx club, declared that the United States army is pathetic and all the other nations know it.

"We have been occupying the Mexican border for four years," began Colonel Glenn. "Two-thirds of our army—or twenty-two thousand men—have been there. We have only twenty-two thousand there and nine thousand to reinforce them. They are scattered from the Texas border to the Pacific coast.

### RALEIGH WOMAN'S CLUB TO START CAMPAIGN

Will Raise \$5,000 to Furnish New \$22,000 Home—Free Water For Fire Use.

Raleigh, March 16.—The Woman's club enters shortly upon a campaign to raise immediately \$5,000 to go into the furnishings of the home which will be completed within sixty days.

At a mass meeting it was determined to form an organization for the campaign which is to run but three days. The club has raised by rigorous economy, multiplied by the normal increase in real estate values, enough to pay off its old debt, buy a new lot and show a small balance. It is now erecting a handsome \$22,000 home on that \$11,000 lot. The new building is to be built largely from borrowed funds but the club desired to get at once into the buildings and will raise directly rather than by the bazaar, the kindness or any of the traditional methods which overwork several hundred women who participate in them. The organization is to be formed very soon and the work will proceed.

The corporation commission has called upon the Atlantic Coast Line and the Norfolk Southern to file within thirty days plans for the new union station which the commission had previously ordered.

The former order did not specify the beginning and owing to the uncertain condition of finances the commission did not rush the roads into such an expensive enterprise.

### MEXICO AS SEEN BY AN AMERICAN

Mrs. M. K. Murphree, who Lived in Mexico for Eight Years, Here Now.

### REVIEWS TROUBLE. SHE SAYS ALL MEXICANS ARE TREACHEROUS AND GIVEN TO LYING AND THIEVERY.

Living in Mexico, the land of manna, does not seem to affect the quickness of decision and action of the true American. Two years ago, Mrs. M. K. Murphree arrived in Asheville from Mexico City for a twelve hours stay. Her attention was called to Pine Burr, George Powell's charming subdivision, near Weaverville. Mrs. Murphree stayed over night to buy the old Alken place and some adjoining property before returning to Mexico, where she had then been a resident for eight years. After a further two years stay in the stormy republic, Mrs. Murphree has come back to Asheville and is busily engaged in getting her Pine Burr home ready for occupancy. She also expects to build one or more bungalows, during the summer, in Pine Burr.

Mrs. Austin was a teacher in the American school in Mexico City. This school is purely undenominational; it is maintained by the resident Americans for their children. In equipment and in the efficiency and preparation of the teachers it ranks with the very best schools in the United States, and is based upon the public schools of New York city in method. Mrs. Austin yesterday told The Times representative, the story of the seizure of Madero, the bombardment of Mexico City, her, with other residents, she took refuge in the marble home of one of the foreign officials, and the cowardly murder of Madero. She classes Carranza as but little above Villa; all Mexicans, she believes are treacherous, supremely self-important, utterly immoral, given to lying and thievery.

Four Parties.  
The four parties: Villistas, Carranzistas, Zapatistas and Federalists. Followers of Felix Diaz, she declares equally lawless; they follow the leader, purely from selfish motives, not at all from patriotic sentiments, and change their allegiance as readily as a coin can change from hand to hand. She believes American intervention and suzerainty the only solution of the Mexican problem, and only regrets that the United States has not long ago reached a strong controlling voice across the border.

The city of Mexico she describes as a veritable paradise in wonderful climate, flowers and delicious all the year round fruits. The city is a Paris for brilliancy; the finest street car service, lighting system, palatial homes. The theaters are magnificent, with a continuous season of Italian grand opera; the resident foreigners have a most brilliant social life; sumptuous living, gorgeous attire and rich jewels characterize society. But the expense of living is stupendous. Mrs. Murphree's traveling suit cost in Mexico City \$50 a yard; her crepe de chine evening dress \$75 a yard; a can of condensed milk costs \$8. Prices of food are kept up artificially by the native population.

In the invasions of the city that Mrs. Murphree has witnessed, the troops have been apparently well equipped and uniformed. The Zapatistas have held the place attired in white uniforms; the Villistas in brown khaki, and the Carranzistas in neat greenish brown khaki. In Mexico one is obliged to exchange the Mexican money for gold, if possible, or American money. Mrs. Murphree was busy for some time trying to exchange with officials whose salaries are paid in gold, her Mexican pesos for dollars. It is against the Mexican law to carry the Mexican haciendas, ten dollar gold pieces, out of the country; but Mrs. Murphree determined to risk it. She wrapped her haciendas in paper, cut a slit in the lining of her handbag, and dropped them in; she could close the slit with her hand and turn the bag upside down, upon request, but was not compelled to empty it by the custom house officials.

Return Trip.  
She made her return trip with one of the ladies of the embassy; they had a stateroom on the Pullman; but had to furnish their own bedding, since the Mexicans have seized control of the railroads, they have been actively stealing everything loose. One engages a sleeper berth on a table without bedding or even mattress.

Mrs. Murphree speaks with indignant feeling of the execution of Ricardo Garcia Granado by Carranza's general, Obregon, about a year ago. He had incurred the Carranza enmity by refusing to serve as an official after the treachery to Madero. He was an old man, over sixty, and therefore by the old Roman law, which is the Mexican law, could not be legally executed. But Mexican vengeance knows no law. While Granado was critically ill, he was taken from his bed, placed in a common funeral car, so prostrate with physical weakness he had to be supported, and when the place of execution was reached, it was necessary to hold him upright that his venerable head might be shot off. He was a highly educated and very wealthy Mexican of the highest class; of course all his property was confiscated by the Carranza administration.

Villa claims to be a Catholic, but Mrs. Murphree says she has never seen him. (Continued on page two.)

### BIG PASSENGER LINER SINKING

Steamer Tubantia Struck By Torpedo or Mine and Is Reported to Be in Sinking Condition.

### PASSENGERS ESCAPED IN BOATS, IS REPORT

Vessel Was Still Afloat at 8:30 O'clock This Morning—Was Bound For Buenos Aires.

London, March 16.—A Reuter's dispatch from the Hook of Holland says that a wireless message has been received there stating that the large Dutch passenger liner Tubantia, outward bound from Amsterdam to the River Plate, has been torpedoed near the Noord Hinder lightship. It was said that all the passengers were taken off in boats.

The London agents of the Tubantia, owned by the Holland Lloyd company of Amsterdam, have received a message which says that the vessel struck a mine and is in a sinking condition. The steamer, which is of 15,000 tons gross register, left Amsterdam yesterday for Buenos Aires with passengers and cargo. The steamer was to stop at Falmouth and at peninsular ports where the majority of the passengers were to have been taken aboard.

Life-saving boats have left the Hook of Holland in search of the Tubantia and Dutch torpedo boats are leaving Flushing to hurry to the rescue of the ship's passengers in life boats.

The Tubantia was built in 1913, is 540 feet long and 65 feet in beam. The Hague, March 16.—The Tubantia was still afloat at 8:30 this morning. It is uncertain whether the vessel struck a mine or was torpedoed.

New York, March 16.—While carrying 20 Americans among her 900 passengers, the Fabre liner steamer Patria, of French nationality, was attacked without warning by a submarine off the coast of Tunis, according to the story told by the captain of the Patria on the arrival of the liner here today. A torpedo fired by the submarine, the captain said, passed 20 feet to the liner's stern.

When the Patria arrived some days later at Lisbon, American Vice Consul Janer boarded the ship to conduct an investigation for the purpose of notifying Washington of the circumstances of the attack.

Captain Deschelles of the Patria said that on his return to Europe he would apply to the French government for permission to arm his vessel on the ground that the submarines in the Mediterranean would not, in his opinion, refrain from attacking merchantmen without warning.

### DATES NAMED FOR NEXT POULTRY SHOW

Dates for the next annual Poultry show to be given in Asheville were named last evening by the Asheville Poultry and Pet Stock association as November 29-30, December 1 and 2.

The appointment of judges for the event was postponed until the next monthly meeting at which time new officers will also be elected.

The plans for the show indicate an exhibition by poultry husbandmen of western Carolina and other states double the size of the last one. Reports last night showed the organization to be in splendid condition financially and in enthusiasm.

### MRS. J. C. OWEN INJURED BY FALL

Mrs. Rebecca Owen, wife of Rev. Jesse C. Owen, evangelist, mountain school department of the mission board of the Southern Baptist convention, yesterday afternoon suffered a fracture to the left arm and a dislocated wrist when she fell down some steps at her home No. 45 Highland street.

Dr. A. F. Reeves was called and after receiving medical attention, Mrs. Owen was stated at resting well. It was thought for awhile that she sustained serious injuries as a result of the fall.

### PRESIDENT INVITED TO VISIT CHARLOTTE

Washington, March 16.—Senator Simmons, Representative Webb and a large delegation from North Carolina invited President Wilson to visit Charlotte on May 20 for the Mecklenburg independence day celebration. The president promised it is intended is possible.