

FEARS AS TO POSSIBLE CLASH WITH CARRANZA FORCE ARE DISPELLED

American Cavalry Camps Outside of Casas Grandes, to Avoid Offending De Facto Troops.

FORBIDDEN TO ENTER TOWN, REPORT SAYS

Rumors of Refusal to Let Americans Enter Increases Doubt as to Carranza's Full Co-operation.

El Paso, March 18.—The American cavalry pursuing Villa, camped at dawn today at Colonia Dublan, one of the environs of Casas Grandes. The American cavalry arrived during the night. Through Colonia Dublan runs the road to the Galeana district, 25 miles to the southeast where Villa was last definitely reported to be.

News of the encampment of American cavalry forces at Colonia Dublan dispels the fear of any dispute with the Carranza authorities over what position the American troops would occupy at Casas Grandes.

Washington, March 18.—The American troops pursuing Francisco Villa and his bandits do not intend and have no orders to occupy any cities or towns during their march in Mexico. This statement was made at the white house and war department today, after the receipt of reports that General Gavira, Carranza commander at Juarez, had given notice that General Pershing's forces would not be allowed to occupy Casas Grandes or other towns. It was declared by the administration officials that the pursuit of Villa, being entirely military, had no characteristics of aggression and no object to occupy towns or cities, because the American troops would keep constantly on the move.

Officials said today that the situation at Tampico, where uneasiness is said to exist among Americans and other foreigners, had no bearing on the pursuit of Villa. Reports received today by the war and state departments continued to be optimistic.

Secretary of War Baker early today issued the following statement: "Reports received directly through military channels and those sent to this department from other departments of the government indicate quiet along the entire border, except for some excitement at Tampico which is apparently temporary and without cause.

"There are no reports of the operations of the expedition available for publication."

San Antonio, March 18.—General Gavira's reported refusal to permit the American troops pursuing Villa in Mexico to enter the town of Casas Grandes has served to revive doubts at Fort Sam Houston of the full cooperation of the troops of the de facto government. The announcement of General Gavira that General Pershing's troops had arrived almost at the outskirts of Casas Grandes and had planned to enter the town during the night was the first news received by General Funston that the punitive expedition had gone that far south. It was known that General Pershing was pushing his columns, but to have reached Casas Grandes last night the troops would have had to make an average march of about 30 miles a day.

What General Pershing intends to do in answer to the refusal of the Mexican commander to allow him to enter the town or to pass through it was not known at General Funston's headquarters, but it was not regarded as probable that he would make an issue of the point.

It was believed here that he would be content to remain in the limits of the town.

The latest reports told of no clashes with Mexicans and do not indicate the exact location of Villa.

It is still believed that he is in the mountains of the Galeana district, but that he will continue his shifting flight without offering serious resistance perhaps for many days.

El Paso, March 18.—The report that American troops under the command of Brigadier General Pershing had been fired on by snipers as they continued their hunt for Villa and his followers, remained unconfirmed today. Sniping and even the possibility of the killing or wounding of a few American soldiers by these long range marksmen was not regarded as indicating that the American army marching into Mexico is otherwise than a peaceful expedition so far as the majority of the Mexican people are concerned.

One Column Moving East.

A few definite facts about the American expedition stand out with considerable clearness as the result of recent official reports and news brought here by the arrival of Americans who have been in touch with some parts of the American movement. It seems certain that of the two columns which are "somewhere

Seek Gypsies Believed To Have Youth Captive

New Bern, N. C., March 18.—The authorities in eastern North Carolina are searching for a band of gypsies who are believed to have with them James Glass, a small boy who disappeared from his home at Greeley, Pa., last May, it was announced today. A nation-wide search has been made for the boy since his disappearance and his picture has been shown on many moving picture screens.

The gypsies were in New Bern recently and had with them at the time a boy who answered to the description of the missing lad. Several persons who saw the picture of the missing boy and who saw the boy with the gypsies expressed the belief that the lad with the band was James Glass. The band left here several days ago and is believed to be near Parmalee.

The parents of the boy have offered a reward of \$500 for his recovery.

EDWARD H. NORBURN DIED LAST NIGHT

Well Known Newspaper Man Succumbs to Long Illness—Interment Probably Here.

Following an extended illness, Edward Hunt Norburn, died last night at 7 o'clock at the home of his parents at Acton. The funeral arrangements have not been completed as yet, as several of the relatives had not arrived this morning. It is probable that the interment will take place at Riverside cemetery.

Mr. Norburn was born at Mt. Airy, although he lived for many years at Danville, Va. He was educated at Roanoke college and then entered the newspaper field, where for many years he achieved brilliant success. He was connected with The Gazette-News here for several years, the latter part of his employment being on the editorial staff. He had held responsible positions on several newspapers, being city editor of The Chattanooga News and was city editor of The Arkansas Gazette at Little Rock for some time.

Mr. Norburn retired from newspaper work about eighteen months ago, owing to ill health and since that time he had made his home with his parents at Acton. He was well known in Asheville and his friends were deeply shocked to hear of his death.

Surviving are the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Norburn; two brothers, Charles and Russell Norburn; and two sisters, Misses Martha E. and Helen Norburn.

MASONS ENJOYED 'FRATERNITY NIGHT'

Scores of Local Masons and Many Visitors Attended Meeting Last Night.

The second of a series of "Fraternity Nights" was held last night at the Masonic temple on Broadway and a large number of Masons of the city, as well as Masons from seven outside jurisdictions were present. The affair was most enjoyable and those in attendance expressed their appreciation to the committee in charge of the "Fraternity Nights" for the excellent manner in which the event was arranged.

The feature of the meeting was a well prepared paper which was read by Dr. J. M. Lynch, on "Masonry As It Touches the Daily Life." Following this paper about 25 of those present made short informal talks, in which they discussed the matters referred to in the paper.

The visitors were very much pleased with the hospitality shown them by the local Masons, many of them declaring that they had never seen a temple that equalled the local edifice in a town this size.

CHARLES STEWART IS REAPPOINTED

Charles Stewart of Bakersville, who was one of the first raiding officers appointed in the internal revenue service under the present administration, has recently been reappointed after a year of retirement from government employment. When congressional appropriation for the revenue department was reduced a number of the higher salaried men were dropped from the lists and Mr. Stewart was one of these.

He is now a special employe. He has an enviable record as a fearless and efficient officer and his friends and associates will be pleased to learn of his reappointment.

MIMOSA INN TO BE RECONSTRUCTED

Reports today from Tryon in reference to the destruction of Mimosa Inn by fire yesterday morning state that the guests lost all their trunks and most of their clothing and valuables. The loss is said to amount to \$50,000 with insurance of \$5,000 or less. It is understood that W. H. Stearns, the owner, will rebuild at once and that a majority of his guests will remain with him.

Originally the hotel was the old Mills tavern on the Howard Gap road between Tennessee and South Carolina.

GEO. SYMONDS OF SALEM, MASS., DIES

George Symonds of Salem, Mass., died at the Mission hospital this morning, following an extended illness. The body will be shipped to the former home today, where the funeral and interment will be held.

ARMY MEASURE WILSON'S BILL

House Measure to Increase Military Forces of U. S. Is President's Own Bill, Hay Asserts.

THE GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED IN HOUSE

Prospects Are Now That Measure Will Not Be Brought to Vote Before Late Next Week.

Washington, March 18.—The house military bill is the president's own bill, Chairman Hay of the military committee informed the house today, when the debate on the measure was resumed under the 10-hour rule.

"I may say in reply to the question," Chairman Hay said, "that in broad language this is the president's bill; he thoroughly approves of it."

Representative Moore of Pennsylvania, republican, said that the members of both sides were eager to know if the bill had the full approval of the administration.

"I am not authorized to state," Chairman Hay replied, "that the bill meets with approval of the president. It is his bill. It carries out the recommendation of his message. It goes a little farther."

Washington, March 18.—The general debate on the army increase bill was continued in the house today with prospects that it would not be passed by tonight, as had been expected.

When the house met today less than half of the set schedule of ten hours of general debate remained to be completed.

After the conclusion of the general debate, however, numerous amendments are to be presented as well as many five minute speeches to be made, so there is little if any hope of passing the measure tonight.

The final vote may not be taken before late next week.

The outstanding feature thus far developed in the debate is that Representative London of New York, socialist, is the only member of the house to oppose military preparedness as a national policy.

More than two score speeches have been made, the vast majority of which were in favor of the bill.

Washington, March 18.—The army increase bill was up for consideration in the house today with indications that it would be passed before tomorrow night. It is a part of the administration national defense program and was prepared by the house military committee, of which Representative Hay of Virginia is chairman, after months of investigation.

Chairman Hay is in charge of the bill, and was ready when the house assembled today to open the debate on the measure. The meeting hour was fixed for 11 o'clock, an hour ahead of the usual time in order to hasten action.

While the house was debating the bill senate leaders were taking steps to secure prompt consideration of the senate army increase bill. The latter, which went to the public printer last night, after final review by the military affairs committee, was ready to be reported to the senate by Senator Chamberlain, who was prepared to insist on its prompt consideration.

CHAUFFEUR FOUND NOT GUILTY TODAY

Machine of Henderson Struck and Killed Boy Last Sunday Morning.

Bernard Henderson, who last Sunday ran over Stafford Daniels, a 10-year-old boy on Southside avenue with his automobile, the boy dying an hour later, was found not guilty in Police court this morning on charges of driving in a gaudious and reckless manner.

Henderson was exonerated by the coroner's jury last Sunday evening, following the accident earlier in the day, but the police still had charges of violating the traffic laws against him. The case was continued until this morning.

It was brought out in the evidence that the Daniels boy attempted to catch a street car and in doing so jumped in front of the automobile driven by Henderson. The evidence showed that Henderson was not to blame in the affair and that he was driving his machine at a reasonable rate of speed.

Five new cases were called this morning, but with the exception of Ward Mitchell, charged with retying, which was continued, the charges were of a minor nature.

FIRE AT MARSHALL DOES MUCH DAMAGE

Fire at Marshall early Friday morning destroyed the Gem cafe owned by Oscar Crowder, the dwelling houses of James Smart and Zeb Fisher and damaged a part of the McDevitt feed house with slight damage to the store of Ebbs and Holcombe.

The volunteer fire department did almost miraculous work in saving the store of Ebbs and Holcombe, as the Fisher home was only a few feet away from this building. Total loss is from \$7,000 to \$8,000.

The Madison County Betterment league has organized the Madison County Fair association with Guy V. Roberts president and William A. West secretary. Plans are being made for a big event in displaying the products and resources of Madison county this fall.

SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNED TODAY

Superior court, which has been in session here for the past two weeks, adjourned at noon today until Monday morning, at which time the third and last week of the present term for civil cases will convene.

The morning session of the court was spent by Judge W. P. Harding, in hearing motions and settling several matters of a minor nature. A verdict favorable to the defendants was returned in the case of S. Sternberg and company against Crohan, Rodan and company.

STRIKE COMMISSION OFF FOR ALASKA

Seattle, Wash., March 18.—The commission recently appointed by Secretary of Labor Wilson to investigate the strike which has halted construction on the Alaskan railway will leave today for the north. The commission consists of Hywell Davies of Kentucky, John A. Moffitt of New Jersey, and William A. Foster of the department of labor.

G.O.P. NEGROES CAUSE CONCERN

Calling of Convention of 'All True Republicans' May Result in Trouble for N. C. Party Leaders.

NEGROES LIKELY TO ENDORSE THE COLONEL

Lee County Has 'Masked Marvel' Candidate for Corporation Commission — Big Revival in Health Work.

Special to The Times.

Raleigh, March 18.—The circularization of Raleigh by negro republicans who have called a "mass convention for April 24, to which 'all true republicans of North Carolina' are invited, has caused considerable concern among local republicans who knew nothing of the movement.

The negroes may not know what they are doing, as many democrats have remarked today, but they do know what may come their way in the Chicago convention. Eight years ago a few representatives of the black republicans went to the Taft convention and from one of the delegates it was learned today that the white delegates had a desperate fight for a seat in that body. And what is worse, the whole business up there was pretty sore on the white republicans for their divorce from and abandonment of the old voters.

The negro delegates had not participated in the white convention and it is hard to see what they could do now since they have failed to make any demands upon the white republicans. But it is highly probable that they will endorse Colonel Roosevelt for the presidency, something that Senator Butler's convention recently failed to do, doubtless through an inadvertence of the senator, and being first on the bandwagon, the blacks, like Sam Jones, would "sit there."

In their fight for what they call their "political rights," the southern negroes are backed by very strong democratic papers.

The republicans, however, hope for the best. They declare that their party is substantially as strong now as a voting body as it was with the negroes and that counties re changing their politics every year by reason of the white emancipation from the black. They read with delight the attack on their leaders by the circular which says "we can no longer afford to be made the football of the bosses and designing politicians. With us there is a great and fundamental principle at stake, for which we must stand united and forever content."

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PUBLISHERS FORM AN ORGANIZATION

Publishers of Weekly Papers Elect Officers For Co-operative Association Work.

MEET NEXT AT CANTON.

Three Meetings Held at Lan-caster—Interesting Talks On Objects in View.

Members of the Western Carolina Weekly Press association this morning completed their program for co-operation in advertising this section and in promoting the interests of the organization. Edwin McGill of the McGill of the McGill Advertising agency, was appointed to represent the association in Asheville and he will open an office at an early date in the American National Bank building. This agency, in addition to its duties in securing advertisements for the publishers, will purchase supplies for the various papers whose representatives met here yesterday for the initial meeting.

An exchange of ideas on a variety of topics interesting to the newspaper men followed the conclusion of business. L. R. Duvall, of The Asheville Times, talked to the members in regard to advertising and other matters in which co-operative effort can be used to advantage.

The association will meet quarterly and it was decided to hold the next session at Canton, April 29. Following adjournment at noon the editors inspected the mechanical department of The Times.

First Session.

The proceedings began with an informal gathering of the publishers yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Kay Dixon, active vice president of the American National bank and a member of the entertainment committee of the board of trade, told the charter members of the organization that as a class they did more for their communities without compensation than any other profession. Mr. Dixon stated that he found printer's ink a very effective advertising agency. Asheville newspaper men and other business men joined in welcoming the visitors.

In the evening the following officers were elected: Noah M. Hollowell, Sylvan Valley News, president; Brodus H. DePriest, Aurora Highlands, first vice president; R. L. Sandidge, Bryson City Times, second vice president; Ora L. Jones, Sylvan Valley News, secretary; W. F. Little, Tryon News-Bee, treasurer; executive committee, J. D. Boone, Carolina Mountaineer, Gordon F. Garlington, French Broad Hustler; R. D. Marsh, Rutherfordton Sun; Dan Tompkins, of the Jackson County Journal was elected historian, and Horace Sentelle, of the Canton Observer, orator; while J. D. Boone of the Carolina Mountaineer will be the poet.

Among those present were: W. F. Little, of the Tryon News-Bee; Dan Tompkins of the Jackson County Journal; Tate Powers, the Cherokee Scout; R. L. Sandidge, the Bryson City Times; J. D. Boone, the Carolina Mountaineer; Horace Sentelle, the Canton Observer; E. B. Gilbert, the Marshall News-Record; Brodus H. DePriest, the Aurora Highlander; R. D. Marsh, the Rutherfordton Sun; Gordon F. Garlington, the French Broad Hustler, and Rev. John Kershaw, of the same paper; Noah M. Hollowell and Ora L. Jones of the Sylvan Valley News.

L. R. Duvall, business manager of The Asheville Times, made a brief address to the association at the night session in which he discussed advertising rates and argued for simplicity in rate cards.

A letter was read from J. H. Shelton of Black Mountain, the youngest publisher in this part of the state, expressing his regret that he could not be present and asking to be enrolled as a member.

Through arrangements made by Mr. Duvall with the S. A. Lynch Enterprises the newspaper men received passes to all the Lynch amusement houses for last evening's performance. Other social entertainment was also provided for the visitors by the Asheville daily papers.

ONE OF FAMOUS ALLENS IS KILLED IN VIRGINIA

Roanoke, Va., March 18.—Jack Allen, brother of Sidna Allen and Floyd Allen, the famous leaders of the gang that assassinated the officials of the Carroll county court, was killed last night at the home of Mrs. Birt Martin, seven miles from Mount Airy.

Will McCraw, who was with Allen and who disappeared after the shooting was heard, is believed to have committed the crime.

URGES NITRATE PLANT ON NORTH C. LINE

Washington, March 18.—A government nitrate plant to be built near the intersection of the North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee lines has been recommended to the senate agricultural committee by Thomas H. Norton, former American consul at Chemnitz, who is now attached to the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

GERMANS FAIL TO REPLY TO FRENCH GUNS

Since the massed attacks of Thursday night against the fort and village of Vaux, northeast of Verdun, the Germans have not advanced at any point on the defenses of the fortress, the Paris official statement says. Last night passed without infantry action was described as intermittent. Paris reports that the Germans did not reply to the concentrated fire directed by the French against the German trenches in the Corbeaux wood and in the direction of Hill No. 265, northwest of Dead Man's hill. On the banks of the Meuse there has been heavy work by the artillery, notably in the region of Vaux.

Reports of important developments on the other battle fronts are lacking. There appears to be increasing military activity in the Balkans, however, heavy troops movements being reported from Bucharest. In Roumania passenger traffic on the line from Bucharest to the Bulgarian frontier has been suspended. Recent rumors of the assassination of Enver Pasha, Turkish minister of war, were followed today by the official statement by Constantinople that he had returned to Constantinople from a trip of inspection to Syria, Palestine and Arabia.

ASHEVILLE WOMEN TO ATTEND MEET

State Meeting of Baptist W. M. U. in Winston-Salem Next Tuesday.

LOCAL DELEGATES.

Tuesday, March 21, the eyes of all Baptist women of the state will be turned to Winston-Salem where the annual meeting of the W. M. U. is to be held. At this time reports of the work for the past year will be heard, and plans for the new year made. This will embrace the work of the organized women, young women, girls and boys of the state.

Their activities are expressed in part by gifts, reaching last year a total of \$48,832.53, the same being used to aid Christian work in foreign lands, in the United States, in Mexico, Cuba and needy parts in North Carolina, for preaching the Gospel, educating the young, training workers, relieving the suffering of others, by doctors and hospitals and building houses of worship for weak congregations. The past year the president, Miss Fannie S. Heck, of Raleigh, the guiding spirit of the Union for the twenty-five years of its existence, was unable to attend to any of her duties through the year and died in the fall. The women face at this meeting the problem of selecting a new president and a new secretary (Miss Blanche Barrus who has served for several years, feeling the necessity of resigning) and also of greeting a new co-laborer and helper in Walter N. Johnson, the new state secretary.

Asheville will have a large number of representatives: Mrs. W. H. Woodall at the special request of central committee, will report the meetings for the state and daily papers; Mrs. George Shuford, young people work; Mrs. E. S. Williams, Mrs. Frank Hendrick, Mrs. E. B. Moore, W. M. U.; Misses Vonnice Lance and Elma Towe, business women, and Mrs. Chester Brown, Y. W. A.

NAT'L. NOMINEES OF SOCIALISTS NAMED

Announcement is made from the office of the Asheville local of the socialist party, of the nominations of Allan L. Benson of Yonkers, N. Y., and George B. Kirkpatrick of Newark, N. J., as the standard bearers of the party for the offices of president and vice-president.

The nominees were chosen on the first ballot by the rank and file of the party it is announced, through national referendum. The party launches its 1916 campaign by the nominations of these men and enters the national field three months ahead of any other party.

BULLITT-DRINKER WEDDING

Philadelphia, March 15.—Philadelphia society was interested today in the wedding of Miss A. Ernesta Drinker, daughter of the president of Lehigh university and Mrs. Henry E. Drinker, and William C. Bullitt, Jr. of this city. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Drinker, at Wyntonwood.