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DRASTIC DEMANDS ON MEXICO.

Calls for Arrest, Court Martial and Punishment of Soldiers Who Shot American Immigration Official.
Washington Dispatch, 27th.

Strong representations, the most drastic in phraseology that have been made since the present American Administration came into power, were made to the Huerta Government in Mexico today.

The United States Government demanded not only the prompt arrest, court martial and punishment of the Mexican Federal soldiers who shot Charles B. Dixon, an American immigration official, at Juarez, Mexico, but the immediate release of Charles Bissell and Bernard McDonald, mining managers, imprisoned by Federal soldiers at Chihuahua City and said to be threatened with execution. So serious were the incidents regarded in official circles that they overshadowed largely the theoretical considerations of policy, which the visit of Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson has brought to a climax. The Ambassador himself has been so exercised over the developments in Mexico that he dictated two strong telegrams, one to the Embassy at Mexico City and the other to the American Consul at Juarez, and while Secretary Bryan slightly modified their tone, they were approved and promptly dispatched.

Ambassador Wilson declined to discuss the affair but he will probably explain his views on such happenings when he meets President Wilson at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon for a general examination of conditions in Mexico. The President had Ambassador Wilson's long report in hand today and studied it carefully and after an early conference tomorrow with Secretary Bryan will be prepared to inquire of the Ambassador what remedies he would suggest.

REPORT ON MEXICO.

Filed by Ambassador Wilson — President Will Confer with Ambassador Today.
Washington Dispatch, 26th.

President Wilson had before him tonight the report written here today by Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson on conditions in Mexico from the time that a revolution overthrew the reign of Porfirio Diaz, through the stirring events of the Orozco revolt, the downfall of Madero, and down to the establishment of the Huerta regime; a period of three years. This report was transmitted to the Secretary tonight by Secretary Bryan, who had spent the greater part of the day in conference with Ambassador Wilson. The President expects to examine the report before Monday, when he will confer with Ambassador Wilson on a possible solution of the present difficulties.

Peace Seems Nearer in China.

London Dispatch, 28th.

A dispatch to a news agency from Shanghai says the foreign naval detachments have disarmed the Shanghai rebels and that Chinese bluejackets are patrolling the borders to prevent looting. According to a dispatch to The Daily Telegraph from Shanghai, dated midnight Sunday, an armistice has been announced to permit negotiations between leaders of the rebels and Government forces. The correspondent says there was no fighting Saturday or Sunday and that the Southerners are leaving Shanghai disheartened.

"It is now generally admitted," says The Daily Telegraph's correspondent in Peking, "that the situation cannot be solved by force of arms. Peking already has despatched all her possible troops and unless Mongolia and Manchuria are abandoned, further reinforcements are impossible. Three Northern troop ships escorted by two gunboats are due any moment at Shanghai with reinforcements for the arsenal."

Wm. G. McLaughlin, one of Mecklenburg county's foremost citizens, formerly a member of the board of commissioners of that county and Representative in the General Assembly for the past three terms, died suddenly Saturday at his home near Sardis. This will make necessary a special election to elect a successor for the special term of the Legislature in September.

While packing away family laundry in a trunk in which a revolver was kept, Mrs. Beulah Aldridge, aged 17 years, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of the pistol at Salisbury Wednesday night. A 6-months-old baby lay in a cradle by the side of the mother when the accident occurred.

BALKAN PEACE CONFERENCE

Expected to Open at Bucharest Wednesday — Serious Fighting Continues.
London Dispatch, 27th.

The Balkan peace conference is expected to open at Bucharest Wednesday but meantime serious fighting continues. The Greeks refused Bulgaria's request for even a three-days truce and, after heavy fighting, have gotten through Kresna Pass, defeating the Bulgarians at Simek, capturing three siege guns and driving the Bulgarians back on Djuma. The Greeks claim they annihilated the whole left of the Bulgarian Army and that they have forced the Bulgarians back along the Struma Valley to Djuma, on the Bulgarian frontier. Unless peace speedily is negotiated another great battle is likely to occur at Struma.

No news was received today of fighting on the Serbian frontier but the large numbers of wounded men arriving in Belgrade indicate severe engagements.

The concert of the Powers seems as powerless as before to adopt any united action against Turkey. The Porte however has disavowed the action of its troops in penetrating old Bulgaria, and no further advance of Turkish troops has been reported. The Turks claim their spoils at Adrianople consisted of 150 guns, 50,000 rifles and 1,000,000 sacks of corn.

There are frequent reports of atrocities and massacres by Bulgarians and Turks. Izzet Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief, reports that Bulgarians murdered 200 Ottoman soldiers who had been taken prisoners near Kiziley Enidje, while an admission of Turkish massacres of Armenians at Malgara and Rodosto comes from Constantinople in a report that a number of Moslems have been sentenced to death or to long imprisonment for implication in the massacres.

In the Recorder's Court.

Jno. Oxendine and Curtis Jones, Indians, were tried before Assistant Recorder R. A. McLean Friday on charges of an affray and assault with deadly weapon and were taxed \$20 and costs each. They were charged with being in a mix-up, at the instance of the "old familiar juice," last Monday night about 5 miles from town on the Fayetteville road, as recorded in Thursday's Robesonian, when it was stated that Governor Bell, also Indian, had been taxed \$10 and costs for being mixed up in the same fight. Bell escaped without injury. Oxendine was charged with using a knife on Jones, who had some bad cuts about his face, and Jones was charged with using a stick on Oxendine.

Jasper Collins was taxed \$5 and costs for cruelty to animals. He was charged with taking out a horse from H. M. Beasley and Bros.' livery and driving it unmercifully.

Donnie Glover, colored and of the female persuasion, charged with an assault on Janie Hayes, also colored, Thursday, 30 days in jail.

The hearing of the case wherein Jack Edmund, a small boy, shot a gun, part of the load taking effect on three small children, as mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, has been postponed until Saturday. The hearing was to have been this morning.

Among the Sick.

Mrs. Geo. B. McLeod, who for several weeks has been sick at her home, Fifth and Elm streets, continues about the same. Her condition yesterday was thought to be much better, but today she is worse. She will leave for Waynesville just as early as her condition will permit. This is the first summer in several years that Mrs. McLeod has tried to stay at home. She has been spending the summers for about 11 years somewhere in the western part of the State.

Mr. Azor M'White of Ten Mile since Friday has been in the Thompson hospital sick with fever. His condition today is very favorable. Mr. David M'White also of Ten Mile, who has been sick with fever at the hospital for several days, is getting along nicely.

"Aunt" Helon Canady, who is in the hospital suffering injuries as the result of an accident on the V. & C. S. railroad last week, as mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, is getting along very well.

Isabelle McLeod, who for several weeks has been sick at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alf H. McLeod, is improving. She is able today to sit up a little for the first time since she has been sick.

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NOT QUITE TOGETHER.

Railroads Almost Meet Demands of State—Agree to Modified 25 Per Cent Freight Rate Reduction.

Members of the State Corporation Commission, returning to Raleigh Saturday from a 4-days' conference with railway traffic managers at Old Point Comfort, gave out a statement to the effect that the conference did not result in complete agreement as to freight-rate reduction and that the proposed adjustment will be presented to Governor Craig not with the recommendation that it be accepted but that the Commission will present the result to the Governor for his consideration. The statement made by the Commission says:

"At the last conference in the office of the Governor the commission insisted that the proportion of through rates represented by the rate from the Virginia cities should be reduced 25 per cent., and presented a basis of working out the new rates that would approach that average.

At the conference this week this basis was finally accepted by the carriers with some modifications, resulting in a scale of proposed rates to the Winston-New Bern zone, twenty per cent. less than present rates, as a general average of the class rates and with the larger percentage of the reductions on the classes in which the heaviest traffic is handled, so that it is expected that the reductions as applied to actual traffic moving will closely approach 25 per cent. The most important commodities in volume handled from the west are grain and grain products, and under the scale now agreed to by the carriers the class under which they are handled would be reduced 28 per cent.

"The same measure of reductions in cents per one hundred pounds would apply to other zones in the State except those right near the northern and southern State lines and west of Statesville, rates to these points being worked out on a somewhat different basis. The railroads did not concede the position of the commission that Statesville rates should be the maximum for all points west of Statesville.

The results in detail will not be announced until they are presented in formal report to the Governor, and as there are a number of important matters connected with it yet to be worked out it will be some days before it can be rounded out as a whole for such final report."

CHURCH NOTES.

Series of Meetings Begins This Evening at First Baptist — Rev. J. N. Cole of Raleigh preached at Chestnut Street Methodist Yesterday — Children's Day Exercises.

A series of meetings which will continue a week or ten days will begin at the First Baptist church, this evening at 8:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson, pastor of Grace Street Baptist church of Richmond, Va., who will assist the pastor, Rev. C. H. Durham, will arrive this evening in time for the evening service and will preach twice daily, at 9:45 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.

Rev. Jno. N. Cole, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh, preached an excellent sermon at Chestnut Street Methodist church yesterday morning. He presented the cause of the orphanage and secured about \$140 for the second girls' building, which is now in course of construction and will cost \$10,000. On account of the meeting at the First Baptist church there will be no prayer meeting services at this church Wednesday evening, and there will be no regular preaching services at this church during August as the pastor, Rev. J. W. Bradley, will be away on a vacation. There will be a meeting of the board of stewards at the church tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock.

There were children's day exercises at Barker's chapel, about 5 miles from town on the Elizabeth road, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A program consisting of songs, dialogues, recitations, etc., was well executed. Interesting talks were made by Messrs. J. P. Russell and Frank Gough of Lumberton. A large crowd attended the exercises. The crowd was too large for the church, many having to remain on the outside.

Charles Hamlin of Boston has been selected as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of the customs service to succeed James F. Curtis, who will retire August 1.

Doan's Ointment cured me of eczema that had annoyed me for a long time. The result was lasting"—Hon. S. W. Matthews, Commissioner, Labor Statistics, Augusta, Me.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS

Wheat is a Good Crop to Raise—Don't Quit Crop too Soon — Moving and Building—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Parkton, July 24—Rev. J. E. Berryhill is conducting a meeting at Rex this week. Rev. E. L. Stack is preaching at Councils this week.

Messrs Johnson and McDonald have an up-to-date gasoline wood saw that cuts the wood right and on short notice, while M. McMillan & Sons move from place to place an up-to-date threshing machine run by gasoline. This afternoon they thrashed 100 bushels of oats for Mr. J. D. McArthur within two hours, and thence to Mrs. A. B. Williamson's and ere the sun had set had threshed 63 bushels of oats. I make mention of this so the farmers of this community might think before it is too late and get in line to plant their wheat. Heretofore the farmer's excuse was he had no way to thrash his wheat. This is no longer an excuse. Nearly every farmer in this section has some land that would grow wheat. The local wheat makes the best flour and is much healthier. So why not raise your own flour.

Look out, Mr. Farmer, and see that you do not quit your crop too soon. Every farmer should plow his cotton till August and then when he goes to pick his cotton the grass will not be there. The smart farmer always lays his cotton by clean.

Last week was moving day here. On last Thursday Mr. W. L. Stanton moved into his new house; at the same time Mr. T. N. Fisher moved into the house that Mr. Stanton vacated, and Mr. W. T. Fisher moved into the house that his son Norman vacated. So the Messrs. Fisher are in their own homes—and so is Mr. Stanton. We observe there are some vacant houses in our town at present. This seems a little strange but when the graded school opens I guess they will all be occupied. Mr. M. R. Tolar has purchased the new house that Mr. J. D. McArthur is building, also Mr. Archie Campbell bought the other house owned by Mr. McArthur. We have been informed that Mr. T. W. Thompson has material on the lot for a novelty works and garage.

Mr. A. M. Culbreth left Wednesday p. m. for his home in Tarver, Ga. He spent ten days visiting relatives and friends. We were also pleased to meet our old friend Mr. Frank Underwood of Quitman, Ga., but his stay was short—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Odom are all smiles because it's a girl.

Sojourning at Wrightsville Beach.

Folks gone to Wrightsville Beach: Mr. and Mrs. John S. McNeill and two children; Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Linnell and two daughters, Misses Philetus and Jane; Mr. and Mrs. F. Hall; Mrs. Lizzie Proctor and daughter Miss Lillian. Mrs. C. J. Thompson and daughter Miss Theo of Raleigh, who had been spending several days in town visiting at the homes of Mrs. Lizzie G. Proctor and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Caldwell, also went to the beach. All the folks above mentioned left Saturday and will return either this afternoon or tomorrow. Mrs. Thompson and daughter will return tomorrow afternoon and will spend a few more days visiting in Lumberton before returning to their home in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carlyle and five of their children are spending a few days at the beach. Mrs. Carlyle and three of the children left the first of last week and Mrs. Carlyle and two children left Saturday. They will probably spend a week or so at the beach.

Miss Josephine Evans of St. Paul passed through town Saturday enroute to the beach, where she will join a house party. The party is being given by Mrs. James Moore of Atkinson. Miss Evans will probably be at the beach 10 days or more.

Raleigh News and Observer, 27th: Alex. L. Blow, of Greenville, becomes clerk in the United States Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, his appointment having yesterday been announced by Judge H. G. Connor. This is to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Maj. Hiram L. Grant, of Goldsboro. Mr. Blow will remove to Raleigh to take up the duties of his new position, upon which he will enter on the first Monday in August.

When baby suffers with croup apply and give Dr. Thomas Eclectic Oil at once, Safe for children. A little goes a long way. 25c and 50c. At all drug stores.

UP TO CORPORATION COMMISSION.

Union Depot Conference Results in Disagreement — Railroads Admit That Depot is Needed but Fail to Agree on Terms of Rent.

The conference Thursday night between the mayor and town commissioners and representatives of the three railroads that enter Lumberton, in regard to a union depot, resulted in failure of the railroads to agree as to terms of rental and the matter will be taken to the Corporation Commission for adjustment at once by Town Attorney H. E. Stacy.

Superintendents W. A. Gore and C. Lane, of the Hamlet-Wilmington and Raleigh and Charleston divisions, respectively, of the Seaboard Air Line, and J. P. Russell, of the Virginia & Carolina Southern, were the railroad men present at the conference. They admitted that a union depot is needed in Lumberton, but failed to agree as to terms of rent. Representatives of the Seaboard agreed to furnish the V. & C. S. with station facilities at a rental of \$25 per month, but that figure Supt. Russell considered too high. He considered \$20 per month ample rent. On a test vote, merely to ascertain the opinion of the commissioners, it being understood that neither side would be bound by the result, the commissioners voted four to one that the terms offered by the Seaboard were reasonable, one commissioner, Mr. J. D. Proctor, being one of the local attorneys for the Seaboard, not voting. Mr. Russell took the matter under further consideration and Saturday notified Mayor White that his road could not agree to pay more than \$20 rent.

Town Attorney Stacy will take the matter up with the Corporation Commission at once and as the small sum of \$5.00 per month is all that stands in the way it would seem that it should not take long to adjust the difference and secure the convenience of a union depot, which is very much needed.

Organ Recital Gave Music Lovers a Treat.

The organ recital given at the Presbyterian church Thursday evening by Prof. Claude Robeson, teacher of piano and organ at Greensboro College for Women, was enjoyed by an audience that filled the body of the church and overflowed into the gallery. It was an hour's treat to music lovers. To one to whom what lies locked in the keys of an organ, except as unlocked by others, is as a sealed book, it seemed that Prof. Robeson knows all the keys that unlock divinest melodies. He made it speak in all tones from softest whispers to thunder peals. He was assisted by Mesdames R. R. Carlyle and B. W. Page and Mr. Paul N. Pittenger, each of whom rendered a vocal solo that added much to the pleasure of the hour.

J. Rodney Pait of Bladenboro.

Bladenboro Special, 25th, Wilmington Star.

Mr. J. Rodney Pait, 22 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pait, died here this morning at 2 o'clock. While not entirely unexpected, his death came as a shock to his family and friends. The young man up to the time of his illness about four weeks ago held a position with the firm of D. McNair & Co., at Hamlet, and was regarded by his employers as an exceptional young man in many respects. Death came as the result of a severe case of typhoid fever. All members of the family were present when the summons came, including those from a distance, A. H. Pait, Esq., of the Bladen bar, and W. Darden Pait, of Hamlet. The interment was at Galleed cemetery at 4 p. m. today.

Heavy Rains—Lumber River Up.

Unusually heavy rains fell Friday night, heavier, it seems, through the Saddle Tree, Raft Swamp and Back Swamp sections, west of Lumberton, than elsewhere. Mr. Frank McKay of Red Springs was in town Saturday and said that during the 50 years he has been coming to Lumberton he has never before seen so much water on the ground as he saw out Raft Swamp way. Lumber river has its back up today and is said to be within about three feet of the high water mark it set for itself during August, 1908.

Mr. Lacy McKenzie went Friday to Jackson Springs, where he will spend some time.

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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Cotton today, 11½ cents.

—Mr. LeRoy Bullard, son of Mr. R. X. Bullard, is taking a business course at King's Business College in Raleigh.

—Mr. W. W. Singletary is improving the appearance of his home on E. Fifth street by having it repainted.

—The Lumberton baseball team went Thursday to Maxton for a game with the Maxton team. The score was 6 to 9 in favor of Lumberton.

—The plant of the Kingsdale Lumber Co., which has been closed down for the past week for repairs, will start up again tomorrow morning.

—Mr. I. J. Flowers and family are moving today from their farm on route No. 5 from Lumberton to their home on the corner of Cedar and Seventeenth streets.

—Ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod returned Friday from Norfolk, Va., where on Monday he attended a meeting of the directors of the Raleigh & Charleston R. S. Co., Mr. McLeod is one of the directors of this road.

—Mr. Harry McGill began work last week with Mr. Geo. M. Whitfield. Harry succeeds Mr. James Barker, who, as mentioned in last Monday's Robesonian, resigned a position with Mr. Whitfield to accept one as salesman in the McAllister hardware store.

—The opening for business of Messrs. C. H. Cartee & Company's new 5 and 10 cent store Saturday was attended by large crowds all day, also the opening for visitors, but not for the sale of goods, Friday night. The store presents a most attractive and city like appearance.

—At the Pastime theatre this evening Pathe Weekly No. 16 will show the great storm and flood disasters in Ohio and Nebraska which occurred two or three months ago. Besides this interesting feature film the regular two reel service will be run, making a three-reel show one hour long. Usual prices will prevail.

—Mr. W. E. Dillard of Clinton, S. C., arrived Friday to relieve Mr. F. J. Thomas, local express agent, for two or three weeks. Mr. Thomas and family have gone to Carolina Beach to spend the vacation. Mrs. Thomas and the three children and her sister, Miss Annie Burton Stainback, left for the beach Friday and Mr. Thomas went yesterday.

—Dr. Ernest A. Branch, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Branch, returned Thursday night from Birmingham, Ala., where he stood the examination for license to practice dentistry. Dr. Branch is now prepared to practice dentistry in North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, having successfully passed examination before the examining boards of those three States since he was graduated last spring at the Atlanta Dental College. He has not yet decided where he will locate.

A Prize-Winner Overlooked.

In writing for Thursday's Robesonian about that big picnic the colored folks had at Seven Pines Methodist church Wednesday the reporter failed to write anything about the fact that Rob Morris, one of the colored brethren, was among the list of prize winners for the day. Rob is a great singer, and for a fact he is great on a base solo—and that is exactly what he won a prize for. He was in the singing contest, in which there were two prizes, and won one—a pair of shoes given by the firm of Townsend Bros.

American Victim of Fugitive Law.

El Paso, Tex., Dispatch, 26th.
Charles B. Dixon of San Diego, U. S., was given "ley fuega" by Mexican Federal soldiers today. He was shot in the back and may die.

Dixon was in Juarez on official business, investigating a white slave case, when he was arrested by a band of Federals who started marching him away from the city in the direction of the foothills where many executions have occurred. Dixon started to run and after getting a block away was fired on and hit in the back.

J. T. Seawell, who lives near Red Bluff, S. C., was shot by his small son, with whom he was hunting, last Monday, the load taking effect in his breast and one arm. It is thought the boy, who used his father's gun, which he had placed against a tree while he went some distance away, was shooting at a rabbit. Seawell is recovering in a hospital at Laurinburg.

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