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HUERTA REFUSES A SALUTE; CONGRESS SUPPORTS WILSON

Congress This Afternoon Will Give President Free Hand to Enforce Demands of United States--Wilson Says Trouble With Huerta and Not With Mexican People, With Whom United States Are Friendly--Foreign Representatives Urge Huerta to Yield--President Says Too Much "War Talk" by Newspapers--Armed Force Will Be Used to Uphold Honor and Dignity of Nation.

Washington Dispatch, via Atlanta, Ga., April 20.--Congress in joint session will receive the President's message at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon, asking authority to use the army and navy to force the Huerta Government to salute the American flag.

Mexico City, April 20.--The representatives of Foreign Governments are urging General Huerta to accede to the demands of the United States, General Huerta however is giving no sign of acquiescence.

Apr. 20--General Carranza, the chief of the Constitutional forces in Mexico is thoroughly interested in the serious situation between the United States and the Huerta Government.

Washington Dispatch, 19th. General Victoriano Huerta, Provisional President of Mexico, flatly refused tonight to accede to the unconditional demands of the United States that he salute the American flag and Congress will be asked by President Wilson tomorrow for authority to use armed forces to uphold the honor and dignity of the nation.

Negotiations with Huerta over the demand for a salute in preparation for the arrest of American bluejackets at Tampico on April 10 came to a close tonight at 6 o'clock, the last hour given by President Wilson for a favorable response from the Mexican dictator.

The crisis thus reached does not mean that there will be a formal declaration of war, because the United States could not declare war against a Government which it does not recognize. President Wilson will seek authority, however, to send armed forces into Mexico to seize first the ports of Tampico and Vera Cruz, and the railroad trestle leading from Vera Cruz toward Mexico City.

The President directed that a Cabinet meeting be called for 10:30 o'clock tomorrow when final arrangements for a pacific blockade of Mexican ports and other steps in the President's program, will be deliberated.

The breach that finally has come with Mexico will make it impossible, it was declared tonight on high authority, for the United States to further protect foreigners in that Republic and foreign governments have been notified of the situation in this regard. The President, it was declared not only would ask Congress for authority to use the armed forces to uphold the honor of the Nation, but also for an appropriation of a deficiency having already been created because of expensive naval operations in anticipation of Huerta's defiance of this Government.

The President probably will ask further that the Senate pass the vol. unteer act which already has passed the House, providing for pressing in to regular service the militia regiments in various States.

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CLEAN-UP DAYS THIS WEEK.

Tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday Are the Days to Clean Up--Town Will Haul Away All Trash and Furnish Disinfectants Free--Clean Up Vacant Lots, Clean Up Court House Square, Clean Up Everywhere--Help the Old Town On With a New Dress.

Clean-up days: Tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday. Object and clean-up days: To get the town thoroughly clean and to keep it so.

Everybody is asked to clean up his premises thoroughly. This means you.

Tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday are the appointed days as stated in Thursday's Robesonian, for cleaning up Lumberton. The ladies of the Civic Association named these days for this work and the mayor is backing them up. It is to be hoped that everybody will back them up.

Vacant Lots. People who own vacant lots are urged to have them thoroughly cleaned up. There are some very unsightly vacant lots in town that need attention.

Town Will Remove Trash. Mayor A. E. White and Chief of Police H. H. Redfern have promised the ladies that the town will put on extra wagons to remove promptly all trash put on the streets during the clean-up days.

Disinfectants. The town will furnish disinfectants free. They may be obtained any day at noon by going to the town hall at the foot of Fourth street, and seeing Town Clerk and Treasurer Page during the clean-up days they may be obtained at any hour.

A vacant spot that the town ought to look after is the park at the depot. It is not kept as it should be kept. The court house and court house square would bear being kept cleaner.

All together for a cleaner town!

WOMAN KILLED BY TRAIN.

Aged Indian Tried to Rescue Dog at Pembroke in Front of Approaching Train. Amelia Locklear, a middle aged Indian woman, was killed by an A. C. T. south-bound passenger train at Pembroke Thursday afternoon about six o'clock, while trying to get her dog off the track.

Shooting Scrape at Fairmont--Negro Woman Seriously Wounded. As a result of a row at Fairmont yesterday morning Henry Jones, colored, is resting in jail here charged with shooting Jim Bryant, colored, who is also in jail.

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rest of bluejackets at Tampico on the 9th inst., and that following precedent in such cases, the salute to the American flag would be answered with a salute to the tri-color of the Mexican Nation, this involving no recognition of the Huerta government.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Martin will leave this evening for Joplin, Mo., where they will spend some time visiting relatives, and if they like that country better than Robeson they may make it their home.

BATTLESHIPS REACH TAMPICO WEDNESDAY. On board the U. S. S. Arkansas at sea, by wireless via Key West, Fla., April 19--The United States battleships will anchor off Tampico about 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon according to present calculations.

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COUNTY PRIMARY AUGUST 8

To Nominate County and Township Officers--County Conventions May 23 to Elect Delegates to State, Congressional and Judicial Conventions--Precinct Meetings May 16--McLean Endorsed for Solicitor. Precinct meetings will be held in Robeson May 16 for the purpose of ascertaining choice of Democratic voters for candidates for State, congressional, judicial and State senatorial offices.

August 8 is the date for county primary to nominate county and township officers. Returns will be canvassed August 18. If a second primary is necessary it will be held August 27.

This, briefly, was the action of the county Democratic executive committee at a meeting held at the court house this morning, Chairman S. B. McLean of Maxton presiding. The committee unanimously endorsed the cord of State and National Administration, and also adopted strong resolutions endorsing the candidacy of Mr. S. B. McLean for solicitor of the ninth judicial district.

Mr. McLean gave notice that owing to his candidacy for solicitor he would not be a candidate to succeed himself as chairman of the county executive committee on May 23, when a new chairman will be chosen.

Sixteen townships were represented at the meeting.

TWO STILL CAPTURED

Two Big Whiskey Stills Captured Just Over the Line in Bladen--Two Men Brought to Lumberton and Will Be Given a Hearing Tomorrow--1300 Gallons of Beer Spilled and Stills Cut Up.

Rural Policemen L. H. Townsend and R. B. Lindsay, U. S. Deputies Austin Smith and Leak Smith and W. P. Newton, policeman at St. Pauls, made a raid Saturday and captured two whiskey stills, one of 30 and the other of 90 gallons capacity. The 90 gallon still was located just across the Robeson county line in Bladen county, near where the V. & C. S. Railroad crosses the Big swamp, and the other was found at Charlie Tyson's residence.

Both Tyson and Marsh were brought to Lumberton Saturday night and Tyson was placed under a \$1,000 bond and Marsh under a \$500 bond, which they both made. They will be given a hearing here tomorrow at 11 a. m. before U. S. Commissioner W. H. Kinlaw.

The stills were brought to St. Pauls and cut up by the officers. It is thought that others were interested in the still, and further developments may be brought to pass.

Charley Tyson, one of the men arrested, had a large gun--one large enough for anything and too large for something--and is charged with trying to shoot the officers when they approached, but it being a gun of many parts he could not get it to go off; and well he could not, for had it gone off pointed the right way there would have been much damage.

HUERTA'S REASON FOR NOT SALUTING FLAG

Mexico City Dispatch, 19th.

Senator Portillo y Rojas, Foreign Minister announced tonight that it would be impossible to agree to the demand of the United States that the flag of the country be unconditionally saluted, because that flag was not insulted, because it was not flying from the launch and because the marines were set free and that the officer responsible for the arrests was himself arrested and held for trial.

The Foreign Minister further announced that the Mexican government would agree that both flags be saluted, the American flag first and then the Mexican flag, this arrangement to be made by a protocol signed by the American Charge d'Affaires, Nelson O'Shaughnessy, and the Mexican Foreign Minister.

The United States Government. Senator Portillo declared, had refused permission to Charge O'Shaughnessy to sign such a protocol and demanded an unconditional salute by Mexico, which Mexico felt was incompatible with her dignity.

Among the Sick. A message received yesterday by Mr. A. E. White says that his mother, who has been very sick at her home in Winston-Salem for some time, is improving. Mr. White spent several days with his mother last week, returning home Friday night.

The condition of Mrs. Lina McLean, who has for several months been sick at the home of her son Mr. A. W. McLean, Chestnut street, is thought to be slightly improved today.

Mrs. J. B. Richardson, who for some time has made her home in Charlotte will return to Lumberton this evening. It is not known whether Mrs. Richardson has returned to stay permanently or for a short while, as she previously intended to remain this year in Charlotte.

ORRUM HIGH SCHOOL CLOSES.

Commencement Enjoyed by Large Crowds--One of Most Successful Sessions in History of This Well-Known School--Concert, Address, Reading Contest--Orrum a Hustling Village--Farmers Busy--New Tobacco Barns.

In company with Prof. J. R. Poole and Mr. H. E. Stacy, this reporter left Lumberton Friday morning about 10 o'clock and about 10:45 arrived in the hustling and wide-awake little town of Orrum. When we arrived there we found the town filled with people from every direction, and they kept coming until it looked like every body and his wife and children were there.

Friday morning at 11 a. m. a crowd that filled the large auditorium of the school building gathered to listen to the speaker of the occasion, Mr. H. E. Stacy, Lumberton. Mr. Stacy was introduced in a few very appropriate remarks by Prof. J. R. Poole. Prof. Poole remarked that he had been attending the school-closing exercises of this well-known educational institution for a number of years and that the school seemed to be growing all the while.

After Mr. Stacy was through and a beautiful quartette was rendered by students of the school the crowd was dismissed and cut on the yard a bountiful dinner had been spread, dinner enough for all the large crowd present and some to spare.

The crowd reassembled in the auditorium at 2 p. m. to hear a reading contest in which six young ladies, pupils of the school, took part. The readings were all beautiful and showed well-trained talent.

At 8 o'clock Friday evening Mr. Tom Corvine, a polyphonic imitator, gave an entertainment that was a sure enough entertainment. His doings were marvelous and were enjoyed by a large crowd.

As a whole this was one of the best attended and most highly enjoyed commencements in the history of this school. It was a time of ideal pleasure and entertainment, one that will long be remembered.

The Orrum high school, which is one of the four State high schools in Robeson county, has the distinction of being one of the best schools in the county, and is doing a great work of the work done by this school, of which the patrons do and should feel proud, will be seen in many years to come.

Prof. M. Shepherd, a man who has given much of his life to the advancement of education in this, his home section, was principal of the school and taught the high school department, which consists of 37 bright boys and girls. The sixth and seventh grades were taught by Miss Emily Huntley, the third, fourth and fifth by Miss Dovie Prevatt, and the primary department was under the charge of Miss Ina Edwards.

Miss Myrtle Ashcraft had charge of the music department. The session just closed was one of the best in the school's history and it is to be regretted that Prof. Shepherd has decided not to teach next year.

--HAPPY JACK.

CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. Dr. North Given a Vacation on Account of His Health--First Baptist Church Probably Will Call Pastor Wednesday Night--Other Church Notes.

At a meeting of the board of stewards of Chestnut Street Methodist church immediately after service last evening a vacation was granted the pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. W. B. North, for as long a time as is necessary for him to regain his health, with the understanding that he is to take at least a month. This action was taken without any request from Dr. North; he knew nothing of the object of the meeting.

An effort will be made to have the pulpit filled each Sunday during Dr. North's absence. No effort will be made to fill the pulpit next Sunday evening, however, as this has been decided to be left vacant until the first Baptist church in a union service at that hour in honor of the retiring pastor of the First Baptist.

It is probable that at the prayer-meeting service Wednesday night a call will be extended by the First Baptist church to a pastor to succeed Rev. C. M. Durham, who, as stated in Thursday's Robesonian has accepted a call to Winston-Salem.

Miss Lucile Rush of Ashboro, who has been a guest for several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Wainfield sang a solo at Chestnut Street Methodist church yesterday during the morning service.

Rev. A. Hedgpeth of Barnesville passed through town this morning enroute home from Abbottsburg, Bladen county, where he preached Saturday and yesterday. Mr. Hedgpeth has accepted a call to the Baptist church at that place. The church has been without a pastor for some time.

Messrs. L. R. Varsar and J. B. Bowden and Dr. R. T. Allen made missionary addresses at Long Branch yesterday morning and Big Branch yesterday afternoon. They report large crowds at both places.

Mr. J. A. Carper Appointed Rural Policeman.

At the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners held the first Monday the appointment of Mr. J. A. Carper as rural policeman to succeed his brother Mr. C. B. Carper, who resigned, was proposed by Mr. J. W. Ward a member of the board.

Negro Woman and Man Mix it Up. Jim King and Amelia Suggs, both colored, had a mix-up in the "Bottom" Saturday afternoon. Suggs, who is of the feminine persuasion was kicked and bruised to some extent by King and King was given a very good flogging by Suggs, who used a smoothing iron on King's head.

Stockholders of Lumberton Hotel Co. Will Meet Friday Night. To the Stockholders of Lumberton Hotel Company: Notice is hereby given that a meeting of stockholders of the Lumberton Hotel Company will be held at the court house in Lumberton on Friday night, April 24th, 1914 at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

Kicked Things Out of Shape Then Sat Down in Buggy. A horse which was hitched to a buggy and driven by Mr. Joe Edwards decided to kick things all out of shape Saturday morning on Elm street between Third and Fourth.

Baraca-Philathea Convention. The Baraca-Philathea State convention will be held in Durham April 25-28. Delegates may get round-trip tickets from Lumberton, by way of Raleigh, \$5.95, leaving Lumberton at 7:11 a. m. or 7:10 p. m.

Elizabeth Thomas Wins Weekly Prize in Pony Contest. Little Miss Elizabeth Thomas received the most votes in the great Belle Meade Pony Contest last week which entitles her to \$1 given each week to the child receiving the most votes.

Change at Dresden Mill. Mr. P. A. Gwaltney, who had been superintendent of the Dresden cotton mill for some time, has resigned, his resignation going into effect Saturday.

Prof. M. Shepherd and Mr. G. McDowell of Orrum are among the visitors in town today.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

The Pastime theatre is running six reels of pictures today, four reels of which is the great special feature "Saphro."

The Lumberton baseball team will play Rockingham at Rockingham Thursday and Hamlet at Hamlet Friday of this week.

Mr. Luther C. Holland of the U. S. recruiting station, Raleigh, is spending some time in town trying to enlist men for Uncle Sam's army.

License has been issued for the marriage of G. T. Holloman and Dorsey Britt, Richard Mayer and Snowdy Britt, Needham Conoly and Annie Taylor, Gilbert Lovett and Nolia Davis.

Dr. B. A. Roberts, instructor in veterinary science at the A. & M. College, Raleigh, spent last Monday in town assisting Dr. W. O. Edmund in making some operations on mules and horses.

Mr. K. Lambert of New York arrived last week and is installing the Gamewell fire-alarm system in town. All the old lines and boxes will be torn out and new ones installed. The work will be completed in about two weeks.

Mr. A. P. Rice of Columbia, S. C., was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Rice is a native Robesonian, having been born and reared near Long Branch, about six miles from town. Mr. Rice says that when he left Robeson there was only one brick building in Lumberton.

Mr. W. L. Roach, who recently came to Lumberton from Danville, Va., decided that Lumberton was a much better place to live and went to Danville last week and returned yesterday with his family and will make this his home. Mr. Roach is a contractor. Lumberton gladly welcomes this Virginia family.

The famous "Burrell Britt Poem" will be published in The Robesonian at an early date also another poem telling of how things are in Robeson at this particular time. This poem is well remembered by many Robesonian readers. It was written at the close of a bitter political campaign forty or fifty years ago.

Mr. Needham Conoly of the Dresden Cotton Mills, East Lumberton, and Miss Annie Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor of Long Branch, were married yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the house of the officiating magistrate, Justice J. H. McNeill, about 3 miles west of Lumberton.

Joe Little, 13 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Little, was thrown by a mule which he was riding on Elm street in front of R. R. Carlyle's store Saturday afternoon. The mule stepped on the boy after he was thrown. The boy had a close call, but was not seriously hurt.

A man blew into town bright and early Saturday morning and lit in The Robesonian office. He said he wanted to get some marriage license, and as The Robesonian did not have any in stock this reporter ushered the gentleman to Registrar of Deeds Higley's office; but sad to say, because of the age of the girl he failed to get the much desired papers which would have meant worlds of pleasure, happiness or something else to somebody. There may be trouble in Mexico, but nothing to compare with troubles like this.

Jacks Slipped and Mr. Arthur Bray Was Caught under House--Quick Moving Saved Life. While preparing to move a house at Fairmont Friday morning Mr. Arthur Bray, who was under the house, which had been jacked up came very near losing his life. The jacks which were holding the house up slipped and the house fell on Mr. Bray, but on account of quick moving he managed to turn lengthwise with the sleepers. One arm and one leg was caught by a sleeper and he was held there until a hole could be cut through the floor so he could be removed. A close call that was.

Express Office at McDonalds Robbed of Booze. Three packages of booze, each package containing a gallon, were stolen from the express office at McDonalds Thursday night. Entrance was effected by prizing open the back door. Booze seems to have been all the marauders were after as they apparently made no effort to disturb anything in the railroad depot in the same building. There seems to be no clue to the guilty parties.

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