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## ANTI-FOREIGN FEELING IS DYING OUT

Americans Cancel Bookings On Trains Out of Mexico City—Streets of Mexico City Well Policed and Stores Re-open Today—Will Interpret Carranza's Note as Friendly and Appeal for Lifting Embargo—Refugees in Pitiable Condition Swamp Galveston—Villa Favors Mediation. Special to The Robesonian from Carolina News Bureau, Charlotte.

London, April 27—Advices received here from Mexico City, late Sunday stated that the anti-foreign feeling had almost entirely died out, and that a large number of Americans who had booked passage on the train for the port of Vera Cruz had cancelled the bookings and would remain in Mexico City indefinitely.

General Victoriano Huerta, true to his promise has kept the streets of the city exceptionally well policed. Many of the stores which closed their doors because of the war rioting during the past week have given public notice that they would open their places of business Monday if the city continued to remain quiet.

Juarez, Mexico, April 27—Raal Zuberan, a Constitutionalist Cabinet member and member of General Carranza's staff is reported to have left this city secretly last night, for Washington to deliver to Secretary of State Bryan, an explanation of the note recently sent the American Government by General Carranza, head of the Constitutionalist forces and government, which message was interpreted by the Washington authorities as a threat of the Constitutionalist to join the Huerta de facto government to repel American invasion.

It is believed here that Seno Zubaran will tell the American Secretary of State that General Carranza and the Constitutionalist forces do not desire to be drawn into the imbroglio with the Huerta de facto government and will make a strong personal appeal for the lifting of the embargo that has been placed on munitions of war by the American government.

Galveston Texas, April 27—United States immigration officials here have been completely swamped by the unprecedented influx of refugees from the Mexican republic. Up to an early hour this afternoon 2500 had arrived, and it was authoritatively stated that 2,000 more was expected to arrive within the next 24 hours.

Hundreds of the refugees are penniless and are in a most pitiable condition. Many are on the verge of a physical collapse from extreme privations and very narrow escapes from death.

Washington, April 27—Secretary of State Bryan went into conference with President Wilson at 10 o'clock this morning.

Juarez, Mexico, April 27—General Francisco Villa is authoritatively reported as saying that he favors mediation as proposed by the three South American republics, Chile, Brazil and Argentina, in order that the Constitutionalist may promptly carry on to successful completion their revolution to restore Constitutional Government in Mexico. Arrangements have been completed for promptly removing all American refugees to points of safety.

ENGLAND, FRANCE AND GERMANY ADVISE HUERTA TO YIELD

Washington, April 27—Advices received by the State Department state that England, France and Germany have advised General Huerta to accept the demands of the United States government. President Wilson appears encouraged, but many close observers believe the Huerta government only playing for an extension of time.

MARTIAL LAW AT VERA CRUZ

Admiral Fletcher Becomes Absolute Ruler Ashore. Vera Cruz Dispatch, 26th.

Vera Cruz tonight is under martial law. Rear Admiral Frank F. Fletcher, commanding the American naval forces on shore today issued a proclamation to this effect and the last opportunity Mexicans had for handling their own affairs in Vera Cruz under their own laws disappeared.

Admiral Fletcher and his staff determined there should be no more quibbling with the Mexican officials regarding form of government and until further notice residents of this port will live and be judged by military law. The word has gone forth that disorder and unruliness in any form shall receive swift and severe punishment. This proclamation makes Rear Admiral Fletcher absolute ruler ashore.

First to Register Under Torrens' System.

Messrs. White & Gough through their attorneys, Messrs. Lennon & Stacy, were the first Robesonians to register a land title under the Torrens' system as passed by the last Legislature. This plan, though a little expensive, is thought to be the safest way of registering land titles. Under this law the clerk of the Superior court has to appoint three men to examine titles. Messrs. Wade Wishart, R. A. McLean and Junius J. Goodwin have been appointed for this work by Clerk of Court C. B. Skipper.

## BRAZIL, ARGENTINE AND CHILE OFFER MEDIATION

President Wilson Accepts—Reported That Huerta Also Has Accepted—Wilson Hopes for Peace But is Not Confident of Results.

Spanish Ambassador Riano announced last night at Washington that he had received private advices from Mexico City stating that General Huerta had accepted the offer of Argentina, Brazil and Chile to use their good offices to bring about an amicable settlement of the difficulty between the United States and Mexico.

This information though unofficial was accepted as authentic by the Ambassador, who expects to be prepared to place General Huerta's formal acceptance before the representatives of the three South American countries today.

The interests of the Huerta Government in the United States were taken over by the Spanish Embassy when Charge Algrara left Washington. Ambassador Riano received the offer of good offices from the three peace envoys Saturday night. It was cabled immediately to Mexico City.

When the formal acceptance from Mexico City is in hand South Americans will be ready to proceed with their plan, no intimation of the nature of which as yet has been given. It generally has been understood at Washington, however, that the peace envoys expect to deal directly with the situation created by the Tampico incident and other offenses against the honor and dignity of the United States.

Administration officials appeared to be gratified at the prospect of having proposals of the great South American Republic listened to by General Huerta.

Washington Dispatch, 25th.

Pan-American diplomacy tonight made its first attempt to solve the Mexican crisis by peaceful negotiation.

The United States Government accepted from Argentina, Brazil and Chile a formal offer to act as intermediaries in the present situation, but reservedly pointed out that an act of aggression by the military forces, or hostile demonstrations towards Americans might upset the homes of immediate peace.

Coincidentally with the acceptance of the mediation offer, Administration officials announced there would be no cessation of preparations by the Army and Navy for future emergencies and no orders would be issued to the naval forces with Vera Cruz or the ships at sea, changing original plans. No further steps, however, to secure reparation for the indignities, which gave rise to the present situation will be attempted while the effort is being made to bring about a settlement through diplomacy.

IDEAL HEALTH DISTRICT.

State Board of Health Searching Out Desirable Locations—Dr. Leonard Looking Over Robeson.

Dr. G. F. Leonard, of the State Board of Health, with headquarters at Raleigh, arrived this morning and will spend several days in Robeson with a view to locating a section for placing a man in charge to see just what can be done in making an ideal health district. There will be five of these districts established in the State and it is to be hoped that some section of Robeson will be chosen for one of the districts. The section would cover about 25 square miles and would be under the supervision of a man furnished by the State Board of Health.

Huerta Has Completed Plans to Flee From Country.

By William G. Shepherd, staff correspondent of the United Press.

Vera Cruz, April 24—In the event of a crisis Huerta has made all preparations for flight. His plan is to declare that he is leaving for the front. With him he will have a small body of soldiers known as the battalion of the supreme powers. He will elude these, according to his plan, and will seeking refuge on Japanese-cruiser at Manzanillo, on the Pacific coast.

The papers print what Huerta orders. The probability is that in arranging to escape the dictator will cause papers to print that there is great danger from rebels on the Pacific coast and that it is necessary for him to go to the front. It is well known that he has made strenuous efforts to keep the road toward the Pacific clear of rebels. The report, therefore, will be an untruth, but it will give Huerta the necessary excuse for leaving the capital.

Blight Killing Fruit Trees.

Mr. C. K. Margan of Marietta is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Margan says that most all the pear and apple trees in his section are dying from the effects of some kind of a blight. He also says the farmers down his way are anxiously waiting for rain so they can get their tobacco plants out.

Rheumatic Pains Relieved.

Why suffer from rheumatism when relief may be had at so small a cost? Mrs. Elmer Hatch, Peru, Ind., writes, "I have been subject to attacks of rheumatism for years. Chamberlain's Liniment always relieves me immediately, and I take pleasure in recommending it to others." By 25 and 50 cent bottles. For sale by all dealers.

## UNION SERVICES LAST EVENING

In Honor of Rev. C. H. Durham, Retiring Pastor of First Baptist Church—Large Congregation and Impressive Service—Rev. L. L. Nash at Chestnut Street Methodist. Yesterday Morning.

Rev. D. L. L. Nash, Conference missionary for the North Carolina Conference, preached at Chestnut Street Methodist church yesterday morning. Miss Julia Culbreth, teacher of voice at Carolina College, Maxton, who was a guest at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. B. W. Page, sang a beautiful solo at this service.

Rev. Dr. W. B. North, pastor of this church, who, as stated in The Robesonian, was last Sunday night granted a vacation of one month on account of his throat and who started to Charlotte for treatment, but who had to return home on account of becoming suddenly very ill, went to Charlotte Saturday to consult a throat specialist. It is hoped that he will soon be restored to health and strength. An effort will be made to fill Chestnut St. church pulpit every Sunday during Dr. North's absence.

There was no preaching at the Methodist and Presbyterian churches last evening, these churches giving way for a Union service at the First Baptist church, this being the last Sunday of the pastorate of Rev. C. H. Durham. This large and elegant church was filled to its capacity for this service, both main floor and gallery being occupied. A very beautiful song service was given by a large choir, the special feature being a solo by Miss Mildred McIntyre, who is home from Meredith college for a few days, Miss Lina Gough, who gave her graduating recital at Meredith last Friday and who is also home for a few days, presiding at the organ and Mr. Woodberry Lennon playing violin obligato.

Mr. Durham preached a strong sermon from Hebrews 3:20-21. Before beginning his sermon, however, he spoke feelingly of his regret at leaving Lumberton and of his appreciation of the many kindnesses shown him during his pastorate of the First Baptist church. He said that during the nearly 14 years he has been in Lumberton no unpleasant incident has occurred in his relations with the people of the town and that it would be impossible for him to enumerate the acts of kindness that have been shown him, all of which he appreciated more than he could say.

Mr. Durham will leave Thursday for Winston-Salem, where, as has been stated in The Robesonian, next Sunday he will fill his first appointment as pastor of the Brown Memorial church. Mr. Durham will preach the commencement sermon at Chowan College, Murfreesboro, on the 17th inst. and will come from there to Lumberton and will move his family to Winston-Salem during that week. The First Baptist has not yet extended a call to a preacher to succeed Mr. Durham.

Mr. Frank Gough delivered a Sunday school address at Ten Mile Baptist church yesterday. There was also some exercises by the Sunbeam band of the Sunday school, which gave credit to the manager of the entertainment, Miss Cora Britt.

Maxton Nominates Town Officers—Election and Vote On Bonds May 4.

Maxton Special, 25th, Wilmington Star.

At a town meeting held last night the following were nominated for office for the coming year: For mayor, McKay McKinnon; for town commissioners, L. L. McGirt, L. R. Kirkpatrick, J. B. McCallum and C. M. Burns; for water commissioners, T. O. Evans, J. G. Baldwin and B. S. Barnes. There was no contest and all of these were renominations except that of A. H. Currie, who was on the last year's board of commissioners, declined a renomination and C. M. Burns was selected in his stead.

The election will take place the first Monday in May, at the same time when the town bond issues will be voted on, one of \$20,000 for a new school building and the other for the same amount to pay off the floating indebtedness of the town, which is over \$10,000 and to extend water and sewer lines.

Greeks Ready to Go to the Front.

Mr. Peter Vallis, proprietor of the Dixie cafe, a native of Greece, learned through the papers that some of his Greek friends in Wilmington were talking of organizing a "bunch" to go to Mexico, so the first thing Pete did was to wire the boys at Wilmington that in case they saw fit to go he was ready to enlist with them.

Escaped Convict Caught.

Ernest Smith, a negro who was arrested and tried and sentenced to the roads at Maxton some four months ago, and who broke out of the guard house there at that time, was arrested at Boardman Saturday night by Rural Policeman W. C. Britt. He was brought here and placed in jail Saturday night, but will be sent to the roads without any further delay.

The First Baptist Sunday school will have an all-day picnic at the church Friday of this week. A very interesting programme is being arranged and a good day is expected.

## TOWN PRIMARY TOMORROW

Mayor White Has No Opposition—Seven Candidates for Commissioner and Three to be Nominated—Five Up for School Trustees and 4 to be Nominated—Audit and Finance Board Has No Opposition.

Tomorrow is the day for the town primary to be pulled off. It does not look like times are going to be as warm as they usually are on these great occasions. A mayor, three town commissioners, four school trustees and an audit and finance committee of three will be nominated.

The time for filing with the managers names to be voted on in the primary expired at sundown Friday, 24th, so it is definitely known now who will be voted on for the various offices.

The present mayor, A. E. White, is the only man in the field for this office, so there will be no fight in this race. Three town commissioners will be elected and those who are in the race are, T. L. Johnson, W. S. Wishart, R. C. Birmingham, L. C. Townsend, W. P. McAllister, D. P. Walters and J. D. Proctor, the two last-named having served during the past two years. Four graded school trustees will be elected. Three of the present members, R. D. Caldwell, Q. T. Williams and Alf H. McLeod are in the race for re-election and the names of A. W. McLean and J. P. Russell have also been put up to be voted on for school trustees. The audit and finance committee of three will be nominated. The present board, W. S. Britt, H. M. McAllister and Frank Gough are the only ones who will be voted on for this office.

Nomination in the primary is equivalent to election, but the formal election will be held Monday of next week, March 1.

Mr. Russell says his name was entered without his knowledge or consent and he asks his friends please not to vote for him.

EVIDENCES OF PROSPERITY

Great Advancement Being Made Along All Lines in Robeson—Out in the Country is the Real Place to See It—Modern Residences and Barns, Up-to-date Farm Machinery.

Robeson is making great advancement along all lines. Its towns, as a whole, are making great advancement, but in rural districts can be seen more real advancement than in the towns. Old residences are being replaced with handsome new structures, in many instances homes that would be a credit to large cities. New barns, modern in every respect, are taking the place of the old unsightly ones. The country girls have their beautiful yards of flower just as the town girls have theirs. The farmers are supplying themselves with the new and up-to-date farm machinery that saves them much toil and worry. In many sections of the great "State of Robeson" the farmers are fencing their land with wire and are using tiling instead of the unsightly ditches. As was remarked by a Lumbertonian who recently took a drive out in the country, "to see the great advancement our country is making one has to get out in the country."

Mr. L. R. Varser Will Be Memorial Day Orator.

Commander J. A. McAllister of Camp Willis H. Pope informs The Robesonian that Mr. L. R. Varser of the law firm of McLean, Varser & McLean, will deliver the address at the annual Memorial Day celebration in Lumberton this year. As May 10 comes on Sunday the day will be celebrated on Saturday, the 9th of Robeson Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will serve dinner for the Confederate veterans on that day, as usual. Further announcement of the day will be made later.

Second Case of Mumps

Dr. H. T. Pope is just recovering from a second case of mumps. The doctor had the mumps about 19 years ago and was shut in with them again last week. It is generally understood that a man is only entitled to one case of mumps, but Dr. Pope got over his share. He has had two cases of the measles, another disease that doesn't usually make but one call on a person.

Work Begins on Tobacco Warehouse.

Work was begun on the tobacco warehouse this morning. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, the warehouse will be built at the corner of First and Walnut streets, near the Virginia & Carolina Southern freight depot.

Slight Change in Seaboard Schedule.

A slight change in the Seaboard schedule went into effect yesterday at 1 p. m. Train No. 19, west-bound, will arrive at 7:13 instead of 7:11; train No. 24, east-bound, will arrive at 7:35 instead of 7:47.

Reliable-Foley's Honey and Tar Compound.

Just be sure that you buy Foley's Honey and Tar Compound—it is a reliable medicine for coughs, colds, croup, whooping coughs, bronchial and lagrippe coughs, which are weakening to the system. It also gives prompt and definite results for hoarseness, tickling throat and stuffy wheezy breathing. For sale by all dealers.

## MAYOR WHITE REPLIES

Defends His Record Along Sanitary Lines—Too Busy Trying to Do Things to Spend Time Criticising Others.

To the Editor of The Robesonian: It would seem from an article which appeared in last Monday's Robesonian entitled "Town Politics," that the head of the present administration has been "asleep at the switch," in so far as the sanitary conditions of the town of Lumberton are concerned. Fortunately, most of the people of this town are familiar with the efforts that have been put forth by the present administration to improve, in every way possible, sanitary conditions and the work speaks for itself and needs no defense at my hands. I grant that Dr. McPhaul or any other citizen, has a perfect right to criticize the acts of any public official or the failure to act, but I respectfully submit that when Dr. McPhaul or anyone else feels called upon to criticize those in authority, they should do so over their own signature.

Dr. McPhaul says through the editor, that "everytime anything is said about health work Mayor White wants to jump on the railroads and cover up what the town has not done by hollering railroads." The above charge is wholly without foundation, and evidently emanated from a diseased imagination. The doctor also tells the editor that the railroads have always stood ready to drain their property, if the town officials would do their part. Wrong again, Doctor, as the police records of the town will show. Dr. McPhaul has made it plain that I hold no brief for the railroads, but even the railroads must admit, and I have no doubt will, that they have had the same fair treatment at my hands that has been accorded others. It is not quite clear just why the doctor is so much interested in the railroads. Possibly he can explain. The town officials have declined and will continue to decline, so far as I am concerned, to drain railroad property or other private property at the expense of the taxpayers of the town of Lumberton. The doctor has held public office; so have I; and I am perfectly willing to place my record as a public official along by the side of his, and allow the people to judge as to which of us, if either, has been "a doer of things."

Doctor, you had an opportunity, while serving as superintendent of health of Robeson county, to demonstrate your skill as a sanitary expert. What have you done? I offer, as witnesses to my zeal for improved sanitary conditions for the town of Lumberton, all the physicians of the town except Dr. McPhaul, all of the town commissioners of this administration, and the commissioners of two years ago, also the sanitary ordinances passed and enforced at that time, and during the present administration, also the county superintendent of health; and in addition to the above, a large per cent of the people of this community, who have endorsed my record time and again. But with all this I do not claim perfection.

The doctor's spasmodic efforts for past two weeks to keep in the limelight are pathetic, and his decision not to make the race for mayor must be particularly distressing to his "many friends," who, he says, implored him so persistently. Just to think what they have missed!

I could go into this more in detail, but it is hardly worth more of my time, as I am too busy doing things for the civic betterment of my town to spend it criticising others.

A. E. WHITE.  
Lumberton, N. C., April 25, 1914.

Recorder's Court.

The following cases have been tried in the recorder's court since Thursday: Dock Rozier, Arthur Rozier, Richard Rogers and Andrew Roberts, all colored, drunk and disorderly. The State was not able to make out a case and the cases were not prosed. Ellie Goodwin and Walter Wilson, drunk, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Purchased Meat Market.

Birmingham & Co., wholesale grocers, this morning purchased the aSnady meat market which Mr. Chas. G. Bogan has been conducting on Chestnut street for some time. Mr. R. C. Birmingham, president of the company, says that it is proposed to conduct this market in an up-to-date manner and give the town the best market it has ever had. Mr. Bogan will remain in charge for a day or two, until Messrs. Birmingham & Co., can secure an experienced man.

Hotel Company Meets Tonight to Select Site.

The stockholders of the Lumberton Hotel Company will meet at the court house tonight at 8:30 o'clock to make final decision about a site for the hotel. At a meeting of the directors this morning it was decided to recommend the lot offered by Mr. A. E. White, 100x108, on Chestnut, Fourth and Fifth, at \$20,000—\$10,000 in stock and \$10,000 in cash.

War News—Watch Robesonian's Bulletins.

The Robesonian has made arrangements with a news bureau whereby it will receive bulletins of "war" news during the days and up to bed time at night. The Robesonian's patrons must have the news while it is fresh. Watch The Robesonian's bulletin board for "news from the front."

Messrs. J. L. Stephens and T. C. Barnes have opened up a furniture store in the new Williams building, Chestnut street. They have moved their undertaking department up stairs in the same building and have an attractive and conveniently arranged place of business.

## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Mr. W. I. Linkhaw is having his buggy and wagon storage room on Fourth street extended 45 feet back.

—There are not so many candidates in the field, but one has to be very careful or somebody will shake his hand.

—Dr. B. W. Page county health officer, addressed a large crowd of colored folks at aSnady Grove, about one mile from town, on the Fairmont road, last night.

—Judging from the way the country folks are staying in the country they must be bringing things to pass on the farms.

—Mr. Arthur Lamb, who lives near Long Branch, was thrown by his mule Friday and suffered a broken arm. The mule became frightened at a man ditching.

—Mr. Lee G. Stone, who has been pitching ball in Augusta, Ga., returned home Saturday night for a few days rest. Lee is making good in the ball world, being a member of the South Atlantic League.

—Mayor A. E. White returned Friday from Winston-Salem, where he spent some time with his mother, who has been sick for some time. A letter received by Mr. White this morning reports her condition about the same as it has been for several days.

—A man who came to America from Ireland, and who has been over a good portion of America, told this reporter Saturday that this was as good a place in which to live as could be found, and he is not far from right. There is no better place on the globe, including Mexico, to hang out than in the great "State of Robeson."

—Mr. B. Tolar of Rennert and Mr. J. A. Brown, who lives near that place, were among the visitors in town Thursday. Mr. Tolar is one of the committeemen of the Rennert school and he says that the elegant new school building which they are erecting, which building was mentioned recently in The Robesonian, is nearing completion and will be ready in ample time for the fall term of school.

—Mr. C. M. Bryan of Howellsville township was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Bryan is another of The Robesonian's "God-blessed" subscribers who keeps his subscription paid in advance. Mr. Bryan wants to be one of the best members to everything to which he belongs and thinks the best way to be one of The Robesonian's best subscribers is to keep his subscription paid in advance.

—The Robesonian goes into all kinds of places, both good and bad. It has subscribers in both the county and State prison and goes into thousands of the best homes in the best county in the State, Robeson. An old Confederate soldier, who is in the old Soldier's Home at Raleigh wrote a friend last week that he missed The Robesonian so much that he would be glad if he would send it to him. They all read it and the paper the people read is a mighty good paper in which to advertise.

—Mr. W. J. DuBois, proprietor of the Lumberton bakery, is having a new coat of paint applied to the front and inside of the building in which it is located on Fourth street. Mr. DuBois is a wide awake bakery man and is always on the job when it comes to having things sanitary. He says that just as soon as he gets through with his improvements he is going to have a "Ladies Day," on which day he will invite the ladies of the town to come around and look the plant over. He will serve free cake and ice cream to the ladies on this occasion.

—Mr. Haywood Tyner, who lives in East Lumberton, was painfully hurt this morning when a mule he was driving became frightened and ran away about 2 miles from town on the Harleville road. Mr. Tyner was thrown from the wagon and suffered a broken thumb and his face was bruised considerably. He was knocked unconscious for some time. Dr. R. S. Beam happened along about the time of the runaway and brought Mr. Tyner back to town and rendered medical aid. Mr. Tyner's mule scared another team of mules and they ran into Mr. Wright's yard and run over a buggy in which three of Mr. Wright's children were sitting. The buggy was torn up and the children all slightly hurt.

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Master Truman Parmele Wins Weekly Prize in Pony Contest.

Master Truman Parmele won the \$1 last week for receiving the most votes in the Belle Meade Pony Contest. One dollar is given the child each week who receives the most votes in this popular contest in which some child is going to win a real live Shetland pony.