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STILL FIGHTING IN MEXICO

Constitutionalists Continue to Win Victories Over Federals — Three Converging Campaigns in Active Operation, Each Within 300 Miles of Mexico City — Preparation for Peace Plans.

Washington Dispatch, 6th. While the Mexican situation was outwardly calm today pending the formal opening of the conference of South American mediators at Niagara Falls, Canada, on May 18, there continued an active undercurrent of discussion and preparation for the peace plans and at the same time definite reports reached the Constitutionalists headquarters here of sweeping victories of their forces near San Luis Potosi and other points far south of Saltillo, where it was thought their next big battle would occur. The news of Constitutionalists successes reached here in dispatches from General Carranza to Raphael Zebarán, Minister of the Interior, in the Constitutional Cabinet, who had a direct wire set up to the headquarters of General Carranza in Chihuahua today. General Carranza's messages showed that three converging campaigns were in active operation, each within 300 miles of Mexico City. General Obregon with 15,000 men was operating from the Pacific coast side, had captured all the intervening territory and besieging Mazatlan and was threatening Mexico City from the West.

Another division, General Carranza reported had fought a battle at Pensacoles, near San Luis Potosi, which is 300 miles north of Mexico City. This is the southernmost point which the Constitutionalists have reached in central Mexico and with the army now attacking Tampico, they declare that the general advance on the Mexican capital is to be made within a few weeks from three sides. The significance of these Constitutionalist victories lay in the fact that the territory is far south of Saltillo, and only 300 miles from Mexico City on the South.

Aside from these notable Constitutionalist successes the chief military development of the day was the authorization to General Funston to extend his lines at Vera Cruz, as might be needed for defensive purposes without, however, undertaking any aggressive operations. A report also came from General Funston that he could secure no information as to the movement of the Federals under General Maas, but he construed what they were doing as being merely defensive. No further reinforcements have been ordered to Vera Cruz, nor has there been any sign of General Wood moving to the front to assume command. The naval situation was shown in reports from Rear Admiral Badger, as to the Atlantic Coast points and from Rear Admiral Howard as to conditions on the Pacific side. Rear Admiral Badger reported that sharp fighting had occurred between Mexican Federals and Constitutionalists midway between Vera Cruz and Tampico, and he added that rumors reached him through Admiral Mayo that some of Villa's forces intended to take and burn the city of Tampico. Admiral Mayo put no faith in the reports of the truce between the Federals and Constitutionalists elements about Tampico. Congress again came into the Mexican situation today when a caustic debate occurred in the Senate over the resolution of Mr. Lippitt, of Rhode Island, asking President Wilson for information as to his reported designation of Pancho Villa for next chief of the country. The motion was tabled by a viva voce vote, but not until Senator Lippitt had discussed the "villanous Villa," the landing at Vera Cruz and other incidents.

Mexico also crept into the debate on the repeal of the Panama tolls exemption act when Senator Bradley of Kentucky declared the repeal was the result of watchful waiting in Mexico. The mediators compiled their plans for holding the sessions in Niagara Falls, Ont. Headquarters will be established in a leading hotel. The mediators with their secretaries, stenographers, etc., will make a party of about 15. They will leave here on May 14 to prepare of the opening of the conference Monday.

Developments in Mexican Situation. A dispatch of the 4th from Vera Cruz states that Constitutionalists at Tampico have notified Rear Admiral Mayo, commander of the American warships stationed there, that if any of his vessels attempted to enter the Panuco river, the oil reservoir above the city would be emptied and the oil lighted which would mean certain destruction of the town. Both Federals and Rebels are reported to have plotted mines in Tampico harbor. News reached Vera Cruz Monday that John R. Silliman, Acting American Consul at San Luis Potosi had been a prisoner in the hands of General Joaquin Maas, the Federal commander, for 11 days and has been threatened every night with execution.

Villa Refuses to Join Federals. Proposals from the Federals to the Rebels that they unite to repel an American invasion were rejected by Villa and other Rebel generals Tuesday. Federal General Maas, in command of the Saltillo garrison, sent a request to Villa that he join the Federals in avenging the American occupation of Vera Cruz. General Villa

sent a reply refusing absolutely to ally himself or his men with the Federals and declared that the Huertistas had provoked foreign intervention for their own ends.

Plans are in readiness to repel any hostile move on the part of the Huertista forces in the vicinity of Vera Cruz.

Some of Huerta's forces are considering making a demand that he resign to be succeeded by Minister of War Blanquet. The envoys of Argentine, Brazil and Chile decided Monday to limit their activities at this time to a settlement of the Tampico incident solely. This might constitute the mediators an international court of honor to decide whether the United States was entitled to reparation for the insult to the flag at Tampico, and what form that reparation should take. After settling that point the mediators would be confronted by the question of indemnity which probably would be claimed by the United States for its Vera Cruz expedition and other expenses incident to the present difficulties. An indemnity issue would raise the question as to whether the Huerta government, not recognized by the United States, could properly be held responsible for indemnity.

Huerta selected to represent his interests in the peace negotiations D. Emiliano Robassa, a Mexican jurist, and Augustin Garza, Under Secretary of Justice in Mexico. Mediators Will Meet in Canada. The three South American envoys who have undertaken by diplomacy to settle Mexico's civil strife, as well as her national differences, announced Tuesday that they will hold a formal conference with the different parties interested in mediation would be held at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, May 18.

It is reported as virtually certain that withdrawal of American forces from Vera Cruz will not be ordered until some definite settlement of the whole Mexican problem is in sight. For the first time it became authoritative known Tuesday from the South American mediators that they considered the whole range of Mexican affairs as properly embraced in their work. Their reply to Carranza, while exempting him from the mediation for the time being, still left the door for him to come into the proceedings later.

The War Department, while intending no advance at Vera Cruz unless to repel attack, has outlined a definite course of action in the event of reversion of hostilities at Vera Cruz and the extension of the campaign toward Mexico City. That eventuality General Leonard Wood will be in supreme command with General Funston directing the advance beyond Vera Cruz; and Gen. Charles B. Bailey of Cavalry assuming command of the base at Vera Cruz. President Wilson plans to go to Brookline Monday and meet the Montana, which will bring to the United States the bodies of the men killed at Vera Cruz.

COUNTY SCHOOL MATTERS.

Mr. L. R. Hamer Resigns From County Board of Education and is Succeeded by Mr. C. T. Pate — Petition for Change in Boundary Lines to be Heard at Next Meeting — Petition for New District Denied.

At the regular monthly meeting of the county board of education Monday Mr. L. R. Hamer of Raynham resigned as a member of the board on account of his health and Mr. C. T. Pate of Purvis was elected to fill out the unexpired term. Mr. Hamer had been a member of the board since February, 1908, and his resignation was accepted with regret. He has rendered the county faithful service. Mr. Hamer was appointed for a second term of six years by the last Legislature.

Petition for change of boundary lines between district No. 1, a Saddle Tree, and district No. 4, Red Springs, was continued for a hearing at 2 o'clock p. m. the first Monday in June.

A petition for the creation of new district from parts of Nos. 3, 4, and 6, Thompson township was presented and after hearing all the evidence from all the districts affected by the proposed change, prayer of petitioners was denied.

Messrs. Lucius McRae, J. R. Poole and J. B. Bowen, appointed a committee to audit the county treasurer's books and vouchers, reported that they had completed their work up to March 1st and found the books in good condition.

It was ordered that \$6 be paid for use of church in district 6, Howells, ville, and that Freeman Printing Co. be paid \$1.50 for envelopes and rubber stamp.

Recorder's Court.

Geo. Key, colored, was before Recorder Rowland this morning charged with carrying concealed weapons and sentenced to four months on the roads or \$50 and cost. George is making special effort to raise the fine and cost.

Dull Feeling-Swollen Hands and Feet—Due to Kidney Trouble.

Your kidneys need help when your hands and feet thicken, swell up, and you feel dull and sluggish. Take Foley Kidney Pills. They are tonic, stimulating and strengthening and restore your kidneys to healthy normal action. Try them. For sale by all druggists.

LAST MEETING OF OLD BOARD.

Town Fathers, With 3 Members Whose Terms Expire, Held Last Meeting Yesterday — Note for \$20,000 for Street Paving and Other Improvements — New Ordinance — Other Matters — New Board May Meet Tomorrow.

At a meeting of the town fathers held yesterday afternoon A. G. Allen, representing Allen's Minstrels, went before the board and asked for a re-hearing in the matter of license for giving a performance in Lumberton, the mayor and chief of police having refused to grant him a license. Mr. J. D. Proctor made a motion, seconded by Mr. C. B. Redmond, that the license be granted, but this was voted down.

It was ordered that the town issue its note to the commissioner of the sinking fund in the sum of \$20,000, payable ten years from date of issue, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum; this note to be issued for \$20,000 worth of securities to be turned over to the town by the commissioner of the sinking fund, for the purpose of paying the town's part of certain street paving done by R. G. Lassiter, and for further equipping the fire department and for installing water filtration plant.

The following ordinance was passed: That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to connect with any iron sewer pipe connections of the town of Lumberton with anything other than iron connections of similar weight and strength. Any violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall subject the party guilty thereof to a fine of \$10, and each day thereafter shall constitute a new and separate offense.

Dr. J. D. Regan and Mr. A. H. McLeod appeared before the board and asked that the sewer line on Fifth street, between Elm and Water streets be lowered a depth of four feet, and that the present sewer line be replaced with iron pipe. It was ordered that the matter be referred to the street committee, and if the matter could be satisfactorily financed at a cost of not more than \$100, that the said committee is to have the said sewer lowered a depth of four feet, the mayor and town clerk and treasurer to execute the note of the town for the purpose of raising funds to defray the expenses of doing said work.

The returns of the municipal election held Monday were canvassed and those named therein were declared duly elected to the different offices. The results of the elections were given in Monday's Robesonian.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mayor White for the courteous and uniform treatment accorded each member of the board during the past year, which was acknowledged by the mayor, and he expressed his sincere appreciation for the kindness and cooperation shown.

This was the final meeting of the old board. The first meeting of the board for the ensuing year, with the new members elected Monday, probably will be held tomorrow. The board of graded school trustees may meet this afternoon or tomorrow and re-organize. Mr. C. B. Townsend, who has been chairman for the past two years did not offer for reelection. Mr. J. P. Russell being elected in his stead, and a new chairman will have to be selected. The members of the board of audit and finance were re-elected and have qualified. They may meet tomorrow to go through the form of reorganizing. Mr. Frank Gough is chairman and Mr. H. M. McAllister is secretary.

Dry Spell Delays Cotton and Tobacco

Reports from all sections of Robeson say that the farmers are in much need of rain. In many sections cotton is not coming up and in the tobacco sections the farmers are anxiously waiting for rain that they may get out their tobacco plants. The plants were late anyway on account of the cold weather, and now that they are large enough to transplant the land is so dry they would not live. It looks now like the tobacco crop in Robeson will be short. However it is hoped that the price will make much of the shortage good.

School Closings.

Mr. H. E. Stacy, of the law firm of Lennon & Stacy, will deliver an address at the closing of White Oak academy, in Bladen county, tomorrow. Mr. Stacy is very popular as an educational speaker.

The public school at Glenwood, near Pembroke, closed yesterday. Mr. Stacy made an address yesterday and the school gave a concert last evening. Those present from Lumberton say that Mr. Stacy made a mighty good speech and the concert last evening was all to the good. Prof. H. L. Edens of Lumberton was principal of the school. It is said that the session just closed was one of the best in the history of the school.

Indigestion? Can't Eat? No Appetite?

A treatment of Electric Bitters increases your appetite; stops indigestion; you can eat everything. A real spring tonic for liver, kidneys and stomach troubles. Cleanses your whole system and you feel fine. Electric Bitters did more for Mr. T. D. Feiler's stomach troubles than any medicine he ever tried. Get a bottle today. 50c and \$1.00 at your druggist. Dr. Hen's Astringent Salve for Eczema

NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Lumberton Now Has Up-to-Date Gamewell Fire Alarm System — Installation Completed Yesterday and Every Box Tested and Proved O. K. — Fire Whistle Blows automatically When Alarm is Turned In — Auto Fire Truck Expected to Arrive Soon.

Lumberton now has an up-to-date and effective fire-alarm system, installed by the Gamewell Fire Alarm Co. of New York. Mr. L. K. Lambert, who had been at work installing the system for two weeks, completed his work yesterday and every box was tested and proven satisfactory.

In installing this system 3 miles of wire was used. There are 12 boxes. The location of these boxes and directions for turning in alarm are given below, also directions are given on boxes. When alarm is turned in a gong is sounded at the fire station, at the foot of 4th street, and an indicator registers the number of the box from which the alarm came and the fire whistle at the power house is blown automatically. Suppose an alarm is turned in from box 25. The whistle will blow two short blasts, there will be a perceptible pause and then 5 short blasts will be blown. This signal will be repeated 4 times after which the shrill general fire whistle will be blown. It will be easy to locate the number of the box by the whistles, so it would be well to cut this out and keep it ready for reference, so that the locations of the boxes may be determined at any time an alarm is given.

The current for the system is supplied by 15 batteries at the fire station. This system replaces the unsatisfactory system that has been in use for three years. The old system cost \$140 and the cost of the new system was \$2,000, including \$100 allowed for the old boxes, wires, etc., so the old system for three years cost the town only \$40.

This gives Lumberton one of the most up-to-date and effective fire-alarm systems in use. As has been stated in The Robesonian, an auto fire truck has been ordered and is expected to arrive soon. When that is in use Lumberton will be as well equipped for fighting fire as any town of its size.

Mr. J. P. Townsend, chief of the fire department, is due a large measure of credit for getting the town well equipped for fighting fire. He has been quietly working with this end in view for several years. He has gotten up for The Robesonian the following directions and locations of boxes:

CITY FIRE ALARM CARD—GENERAL DIRECTIONS

In case of fire, break glass in front of box.

Open door, pull hook down. Always use box NEAREST the fire. Never turn in an alarm after the whistle has begun to blow.

In case there is no box, use phone. But remember you can run to box before you can telephone. Phone No. 139 will give you the power house. Phone No. 123 will give you the fire station.

Remember in phoning in alarm that you will be required to give location as near as possible and your name. Otherwise there will be no alarm given.

LOCATION OF BOXES

No. 25—Fourth and Elm Streets—Townsend Bros' Corner.
No. 27—Second and Elm—Lumberton Cotton Mill Office.
No. 34—Second and Walnut—Lombard T. Townsend's Corner.
No. 35—Fourth and Walnut—Thompson's Hospital Corner.
No. 36—Second and Cedar—Moses Blacker Corner.
No. 37—Sixth and Elm—Opera House corner.
No. 45—Sixth and Pine—J. H. Wishart's old residence corner.
No. 46—Eighth and Chestnut—M. E. Church corner.
No. 51—Ninth and Caldwell—Mike Caldwell corner.
No. 63—Tenth and Elm—Alf H. McLeod corner.
No. 64—Fourteenth and Elm—Dock Walters corner.
No. 71—Eleventh and Pine—Near Seven Pines.

You might cut this out and save it and remember there is a penalty of one hundred dollars for false alarm or injury to boxes, or one year in prison or both.

(1) One blast of whistle denotes line broken.
(2) Two blasts of whistle denotes daily test.
(3) Three blasts of whistle denotes fire out.
(4) Four blasts of whistle denotes want more water.

—Mr. W. C. Collins, who for more than a year had held a position as salesman in the grocery store of J. D. Barfield, resigned Saturday and has accepted a position with Bullock Brothers, who conduct a grocery store on Chestnut street.

For a Torpid Liver.

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets off and on for the past six years whenever my liver shows signs of being in a disordered condition. They have always acted quickly and given me the desired relief," writes Mrs. F. H. Trubus, Springville, N. Y. For sale by all dealers.

RECITAL THIS EVENING

Misses Culbreth and Donaghy of Carolina College Will Give a Recital at the Opera House this Evening at 8:30 O'Clock.

A recital which promises to be a rare treat will be given at the opera house this evening, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, by Misses Julia K. Culbreth and Miss Elizabeth Saloma Donaghy, teachers of voice and expression, respectively, at Carolina College, Maxton. Mrs. H. M. McAllister will play piano accompaniments. These ladies have enviable reputations as entertainers and the opera house doubtless will be crowded this evening, for Lumberton people appreciate high-class entertainments. This recital will be given under auspices of local work department of Chestnut Street Methodist church. The following programme will be rendered:

Programme.
Der Erl-Konig—(The Erl-King)—Schubert.
Reading—"Bud Jackson's Fifth Wife"—Mary Kyle Dallas.
(a) O, That We Two Were Maying—Nevin.
(b) The Danza—Chadwick.
Reading—As the Moon Rose—Pauline Phelps.
Aria—Strida la Vampa—(Il Trovatore)—Verdi.
Reading—(a) The Baby Over the Way—May Lathrop; (b) Almost Beyond Endurance—James Whitcomb Riley.
Reading—(a) Tit-for-Tat—Anon; (b) Indian Club Swinging.
(a) Thou' Like Unto a Flower—Rubinstein.
(b) From the Land of Sky-Blue Water—Cadmán.
Reading—An Old Maid's Warning—Clara Marcelle Greene.

COL. S. J. COBB PASSES.

Well-Known Confederate Veteran Died Last Night at Home Near Parkton—Funeral Tomorrow Morning at 11 O'Clock From Baptist Church of Parkton—Interment Will Be With Military Honors.

By Phone to The Robesonian. Parkton, May 7.—Col. S. J. Cobb, one of the best-known and most highly esteemed Confederate veterans of Robeson county died of pneumonia at his home a mile from Parkton last night at 10:30 o'clock. He was 75 years old. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from the Baptist church of Parkton and the remains will be interred with military honors by the Lumber Bridge Company.

Col. Cobb had planned to attend the Confederate Veterans reunion at Jacksonville this week, but was prevented by sickness. He had been sick for about a week. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Charlie Murphy, who lives at the home place, and three sons—Messrs. John, Jordan and Collier Cobb, all of Parkton.

Philadelphus High School Commencement Next Week.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, R. F. D. 1, May 6.—Commencement begins Wednesday night, May 13th, with the following program:
Wednesday, 8 p. m.—Operetta, "Mother Goose and Company," by the small children.
Thursday, 8:00 p. m.—Play, "The Sweet Girl Graduate," by the senior class.
Friday, May 15th, 11 a. m.—Commencement day exercises. Address by Prof. Noble, Chapel Hill. This will be followed by one of those picnic dinners for which Philadelphus is famous. Come and bring all the children.

Minstrel Show Saturday Night.

A. G. Allen's minstrel show will give a performance here Saturday night of this week. The tent will be located near the sub-station of the Yadkin River Power Company. Mr. A. G. Allen, one of the proprietors of the show was in town yesterday making arrangements for giving his performance. Mr. Allen says he will provide carriages free for all who wish to attend the show. The carriages will make regular trips from Chestnut street to the tent from 7:45 to 8:45 o'clock Saturday evening.

Church Services.

Arrangements are being made to have preaching at the First Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening. Although definite arrangements have not been made it is expected that Dr. W. L. Peteat, president of Wake Forest College, will preach. It is also expected that Dr. North's pulpit at the Chestnut Street Methodist church will be filled Sunday morning and evening, but it has not been definitely determined yet who will preach.

The North Carolina State Federation of Women's Clubs is in session in Fayetteville this week.

Whooping Cough.

"About a year ago my three boys had whooping cough and I found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only one that would relieve their coughing and whooping spells. I continued this treatment and was surprised to find that it cured the disease in a very short time," writes Mrs. Archie Dalrymple, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by all dealers.

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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Superior Court next week, civil term.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Justin McNeill, Tuesday night, a girl.

—License has been issued for the marriage of R. Wallace and Lottie Proctor.

—The Lumberton high school baseball team will cross bats with the St. Pauls team at St. Pauls this afternoon at 3:30.

—Wind and sand Tuesday to beat the band. It was a most unusually disagreeable day for May. May no more like it occur soon.

—Mr. Leslie Cashwell, who for about a year had held a position in the Lumberton furniture store, resigned Monday. He will study civil engineering under Mr. I. B. Mullis.

—There will be a Sunday school rally at Centenary, near Rowland, next Sunday, May 10. Mr. Frank Gough of Lumberton will be the principal speaker of the occasion. The public is invited.

—The account in Monday's Robesonian of the death of Mrs. Hayward Hall should have been credited to the Red Springs Citizen. The credit line was misplaced in the hurry incident to going to press.

—Mr. L. M. Currie of Lumber Bridge gets a commission as lieutenant and battalion quartermaster for the Second Regiment among the commissions issued by Adjutant General Young Tuesday with the approval of Governor Craig as commander in chief of the North Carolina National Guard.

—Memorial day will be observed here Saturday. As has been stated in The Robesonian, there will be a meeting of Camp Willis H. Pope, Mr. L. R. Varner will deliver an address and the ladies of Robeson Chapter, U. D. C., will serve dinner for the veterans at the court house and decorate Confederate graves.

—Rev. C. H. Durham, former pastor of the First Baptist church, who recently accepted a call to Brown Memorial church, Winston-Salem, returned from twin city, where he preached his first sermon Sunday, yesterday, and will leave with his family tomorrow for Winston-Salem. Lumberton gives Mr. Durham and family up with sore regret. The very best wishes of the entire citizenship of Lumberton will follow both Mr. Durham and his family to Winston-Salem.

—Raleigh News and Observer: A most charming six course banquet was given Saturday night at the Yarrowborough hotel by the juniors of Peace Institute to the seniors. The decorations were in exquisite taste and menu a delight. Toasts were given to the senior class by Miss Lois Thompson, president of the junior class and the response was by Miss Maud Rankin, president of the senior class. Miss Thompson is a Robeson county girl and her home is at McDonald.

—Maxton Scottish Chief: Mrs. R. T. McElyea our popular correspondent under the nom-de-plume of "Aunt Becky" boarded the train here Monday morning for Charlotte, where she will visit Rev. Wm. Black, taking with her the copy of her revised "History of the McQueen Clan" which will be typewritten and prepared for publication. She has not yet returned at this writing but we have no doubt that she has seen a lot of things that will bear telling of Wade Harris's village.

Day of Fasting and Prayer.

Quite a number of Lumberton people attended a prayermeeting at Back Swamp Baptist church Tuesday. This church has a day of fasting and prayer each spring invoking God's blessings on the church and community, both spiritual and temporal, during the year, and in the fall have a day of thanksgiving. Dinner was served on the grounds and a pleasant day was spent.

Improvements at Rowland.

Rowland Sun. With the installation of electric lights, waterworks and sewerage we see no reason why Rowland should not come to the front as one of the most progressive towns in Eastern Carolina.

Albert Austin, about 25 years old, cashier of the Wachovia Bank of High Point, where he was married a few weeks ago, committed suicide at the home of his grand mother, Mrs. Noah Townsend, at Hildebran, near Hickory, Monday by shooting himself. No cause learned.

London dispatch, May 5: The British Government will reconsider its decision not to participate in the Panama Pacific Exposition at San Francisco and probably will decide that Great Britain shall officially be represented at the fair in a distinctly modified form.

Keep Bowel Movement Regular.

Dr. King's New Life Pills keep stomach, liver and kidneys in healthy condition. Rid the body of poisons and waste. Improve your complexion by flushing the liver and kidneys. "I got more relief from one box of Dr. King's New Life Pills than any medicine I ever tried," says C. E. Hatfield of Chicago Ill. 25c at your druggist.