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TEXANS UNDER ARMS; RACIAL FIGHT FEARED

Mexican Disturbance in Border Counties Reported Will Be Met With Part of Texas Back to Mexican Control.

Brownsville, Tex., Dispatch, 11th. Practically every American citizen in three southernmost counties of Texas—Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr—is resting under arms tonight in fear that the overwhelming Mexican population of this section may break out in a racial fight.

The Mexican disturbance spread rapidly westward today until rumors of trouble developed at Laredo, 200 miles along the border from here. The disorder is reported here to be connected with an attempt to turn part of Texas back to Mexican control—a wild scheme backed by ignorant Mexicans, escaped convicts, fugitives from justice on the American side, and some Mexican soldiers.

The disturbance has been fanned by some of the bitter disputes of border political conditions, which, in some instances, kept the American residents of this section from realizing how strong the under current of Mexican feeling was growing.

Rangers in Hidalgo county, pursuing some of the gang which killed an American trooper near Mercedes last night, captured a flag today bearing in Spanish the words: "Army Liberation of Mexicans in Texas." They took also some literature urging Mexicans to revolt.

Army and Federal investigators declared the organizers of the troubles are working under the plan of San Diego which calls for the death of every American male over 16 years of age in communities along the Rio Grande, and also along the border of New Mexico, Arizona and California. It has been reported to General Funston that more than 30,000 Mexicans are pledged to the organization.

Federal officials last winter believed they nipped an attempt to put this revolution into effect when they arrested a Mexican on charges of sedition, discovering in his possession details of the plan which were published at the time.

Authorities here tonight are watching the river at a point 10 miles below Brownsville, where it was reported several hundred armed Mexicans had gathered on the Mexican side waiting to cross the Rio Grande under darkness. A Mexican rancher in Hidalgo county, 10 miles up the river from Brownsville, appealed for aid this afternoon, asserting that 80 armed Mexicans were hiding on his ranch. He said they had threatened to kill him if he reported their presence.

There were many reports here that officials on the Mexican side of the river, which is under Carranza control are responsible for some of the troubles on the American side, by direct connivance. However, there is no evidence that any high Mexican authority is involved.

Officials here have reports that 1,700 Carranza soldiers have crossed the river along a zone 120 miles wide from a point below Brownsville to Rio Grande City, up the river. At least 30 different parties are said to have crossed.

Arrival of troops in force from Laredo appears to have caused the bandits to shift westward today into the less populous sections between here and Laredo. Telephone messages tonight from the portions of Cameron county north of here where disorders have been going on for two weeks indicated that the outlaws either had left or were hiding.

Robeson County Corn Club Boys Who Will Attend the "Short Course" at A. and M.

Worth T. Adcox of Lumber Bridge, Van C. Arnett of Marietta, route 1, Fitchburg, Lewis, of route 1 from Fairmont, John McArthur of Wakkula, Clarence Purvis of route 2 from Fairmont, Duncan Smith of route 3 from St. Pauls, Jessie Smith of Rex, Murphy Townsend of route 1 from Lumberton, have indicated to those in charge at Raleigh that they expect to attend next week at the A. and M. College at Raleigh the short course in agriculture. Railroads will give reduced rates. Tickets on sale Aug. 15, 16, 17, good for return until midnight of Aug. 28, of 3 cents per mile, plus 25 cents, round-trip ticket, which amounts of course to one and one half cents per mile each way, plus 25 cents.

President Back to Washington

On Board President Wilson's Special, New Haven, Conn., Aug. 11.—President Wilson was on his way back to Washington tonight to confer with Secretary Lansing and other members of his cabinet on the Mexican and other problems. He left the "Summer White House" at Cornish, N.H., this afternoon and will arrive in Washington tomorrow morning.

Bellamy Merchant Charged With Retailing and Distilling.

Ira J. Wilkins, a merchant at Bellamy, was given a hearing before United States Commissioner W. H. Kinlaw Tuesday on the charge of retailing and manufacturing spirituous liquors without having license or having paid the manufacturer's tax. He was bound over to the United States Court at Wilmington under a justified bond of \$200, which was made by Mr. A. H. Prevatt.

TROOPS FOR FUNSTON IF HE WANTS THEM

Raiding and Guerilla Fighting Along Mexican Border Will Be Met With Vigorous Hand—No Satisfactory Information of Character of Raiders.

Washington Dispatch, Aug. 11. Raiding and guerilla fighting along the Mexican border in Texas will be met by strengthening the United States forces there if Major General Funston requests it. Secretary Garrison and other officials insisted today, however, that any such troop movement had no connection with Mexican internal affairs and would be only for protection of Americans in that district.

Department officials could get no satisfactory information of the character of the raiders. One report said about 1,000 Carranza troops from the Tamaulipas garrison had been crossing into southeastern Texas, in the vicinity of Brownsville, to rally Mexicans in the State to an uprising.

Secretary Garrison said he had no official information of that character and added that if Carranza troops were found in Texas they would be disarmed and shot if they resisted. Advice from Carranza sources at San Antonio denied that any Carranza troops had crossed the line.

Texas rangers in Hidalgo county captured a flag bearing in Spanish the inscription "Army of Liberation for Mexicans in Texas" and officials at Brownsville said that for several days 30 to 40 Mexicans had been crossing into Texas each day, some of them having the appearance of soldiers and carrying cartridge belts.

Requests for more troops came to the War Department from officials along the border and have been referred to General Funston; upon whom Secretary Garrison depends to report whether he can handle the situation with the force available.

Funston has ready on the border and at Texas City about 17,000 troops, infantry, cavalry and artillery. Secretary Garrison telegraphed him today that the 12,000 mobile troops remaining at other posts in Continental United States would be sent to the border if he asked for them.

General Funston reported that the best information he could gather indicated that the raids in Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr counties were directed by Texans having headquarters in Brownsville who, after a political feud, sent bandit gangs to rob and attack each other. Secretary Garrison expressed doubt that Mexicans from over the border were responsible for all the disturbances.

"Conditions on the border," said Mr. Garrison, "have no political significance. Lawless people are using this time of excitement to plunder and steal, and we are not sure that all the law breakers are Mexicans." Further strengthening of the border forces will take virtually all available regular troops in the country. Officials today were considering whether it might not become necessary to use the National Guard, should the situation take on more serious proportions.

It was pointed out that some of the disturbances take place many miles from the border. Such a situation, officials say, should be met by State authorities.

RECORDER'S COURT

Young Men in Trouble Over Ham—Ambrose Was Just Blegged to Sport a Palm Beach Suit.

Fred Lawson, Henry Britt and Cleveland Ivey, all young white men who live near Boardman, were given a trial before Recorder E. M. Johnson yesterday on the charge of stealing 10 hams of meat from Mrs. Rosa Phillips near Boardman on the night of August 1. Britt was acquitted of the charge against him. Lawson plead guilty and was given six months on the county roads. Prayer for judgment was continued for 2 years upon the payment of the cost in the case of Ivey. Lawson has been before the recorder several times and has a few times been in higher court. He is weak mentally and the county physician will give him an examination before he is carried to the roads to see if there is any chance of getting him in the criminal insane asylum at Raleigh. It seems that he can't help from stealing.

Ambrose Lennow, colored, was before the recorder yesterday on a charge of false pretense. Judgment was suspended in the case upon payment of cost. The case was rather a peculiar one. Lennow works at the Thompson hotel and Tuesday he asked for a day off to go to Marion to a ball game. After getting his permission to go he wanted to be a "sport" in general and started out to borrow a palm beach suit from one of his neighbors to wear on this occasion. He finally succeeded in finding one of his friends who had one but did not want to let it out to Lennow. Lennow used every scheme he could think of to borrow it but failed and at this point he went to the home of the boy and told his mother that the boy told him to come and get the suit and his mother immediately let him have it. Lennow wore the suit and returned it Tuesday night in good shape. It was found that he did not get the suit with criminal intention so he was discharged with payment of the cost, which would nearly have bought him a suit.

ATTENTION SHIFTS TO DARDANELLES

Allies and Turks at Grips in Vicious Fighting—Claims at Variance—Little Fighting in Belgium and France—Disaster Befalls 3 Warships.

Press Summary, Aug. 12. For the present attention has been somewhat diverted from the great Teutonic drive in Northwest Russia and Poland to the Dardanelles, where the Allies and the Turks are at grips in vicious fighting on Gallipoli. Claims are at variance but London and Constantinople reports both show that sanguinary fighting is taking place and that each side has suffered heavy casualties.

General Sir Ian Hamilton, the British commander reports that on the Southern portion of the Peninsula the Allies have trebled the area of ground they previously held, and that on the Asiatic shore a French warship has put five or six Turkish guns out of action.

Constantinople, on the other hand, declares that in the region of Ar-Burnu an Allied attack has been repulsed with heavy losses, while in the same region and near Suddul-Bahr Turkish attacks have netted them Allied trenches.

Although Enver Pasha, the Turkish War Minister, admits that the Allies have landed 50,000 fresh men in their new operations, he seemingly is optimistic. Two regiments of the newly landed forces, he says, were virtually annihilated.

The Germans, according to Berlin, have occupied Benjaminov, east of Novogeorgievsk, and unofficial advice says the populace is beginning to evacuate Divinsk, an important railway junction on the Petrograd-Warsaw line. South of Lomza the entire Russian line is said to be retreating, and across the Vistula, between that river and the Bug, the Muscovites, according to Vienna, are still being pushed back.

Little fighting except artillery engagements has been in progress in Belgium and France. On the Austro-Italian front, Italian attacks near Monfalcone have been repulsed, Vienna says.

Disaster has befallen three warships—the British auxiliary cruiser Ramsey, the German auxiliary cruiser Meteor and the Austrian submarine U-12. The Ramsey was sunk in the North Sea by the Meteor, which chased, by British cruisers later was abandoned, and blown up by her crew. The U-12 was sunk by an Italian submarine in the Upper Adriatic.

Berlin asserts that in the German air raid over the east coast of England Monday night the air-craft dropped bombs, with good results, on warships in the Thames, the London docks, torpedo boats, near Harwich and buildings on the Humber.

Still Captured 2 Miles From Court House.

Deputy Sheriff Arch Prevatt and Rural Policeman Eli Phillips, captured Monday on the French place, about two miles from town, a blockaded still consisting of a large washpot that would hold about three bushels, and a large galvanized tub. The worm had been removed before the officers arrived upon the scene. The still was set up in a briar patch and looked as if it had been used a week or more since it had been used. The officers failed to find any of the juice or the owners of the still, but succeeded in finding a quantity of beer near by. As to who the proprietors are it is not known, but evidently they are very daring to locate so near the court house.

Man With Some Few Dogs Was Not Trying to Evade Tax.

No name was mentioned in the item in Monday's paper about Chief of Police Redfern finding 15 or 20 dogs at the home of a man who paid tax on only 5 dogs, but Dr. J. D. Regan says everybody knows he keeps dogs and he thinks the item did him an injustice. Dr. Regan's statements puts an altogether different aspect on the matter. He says that when Chief Redfern came to him about the tax he told him he was going to pay tax on only five of his dogs, that he had more than that but was not going to pay tax on more than five, that he would move the others to the country; and he asked the chief to wait until he could prepare a place for the dogs he wanted to move. That, Dr. Regan says, was all there was to it and there was no idea on his part of evading the tax on dogs he intended to keep in town.

Mrs. J. B. McNealy of Hamlet spent yesterday here a guest of Mrs. J. C. Bryant.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS

Methodist Meeting Unavoidably Suspended—Street Work—Mr. D. E. Canady Struck by Lightning—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Parkton, Aug. 11.—The meeting which began at the M. E. church Monday night was unavoidably suspended a week. Rev. Mr. Robinson's wife was taken suddenly ill and therefore caused our pastor's help to remain at home and the meeting closed for the time. It is hoped that it will go on next week.

Mr. J. D. McCall of the Merc. Co. store is enjoying his week off.—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Thomas of Lumber Bridge are welcome visitors to friends and relatives this week.—Mr. C. D. Williamson, rural carrier on route No. 2, is enjoying his vacation and his route is being served by his son, Worth Williamson.—Mrs. George Thorntam of Philadelphia is on a visit to her brother Dr. D. S. Currie.

Our town fathers are having some work done on the streets which is badly needed. If the remainder of the town taxes will be collected, our town will soon be clear of weeds and grass and everything up to date.

Miss Bessie Cashwell left Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. J. M. Scott of Rocky Mount.—Miss Mary, Jennett McNeill left today for Wagram, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Jenet Livingstone, to visit relatives at that place.—Rev. J. E. Berryhill left last week on his month's leave of absence and will visit relatives in Tennessee.—Mr. J. F. Williamson left August 2d for Raleigh where he has entered Page's school of Pharmacy.

We learn there is a successful meeting in session at the Lumber Bridge church at Lumber Bridge. Rev. Fred Collins is doing the preaching, and great congregations are in attendance. Many of our town folks attend.

Mr. D. E. Canady, a prosperous farmer, two miles above Parkton, was struck by lightning Monday evening about three o'clock and was knocked down and rendered unconscious for several hours and was apparently dead for half an hour. Dr. D. S. Currie was summoned but as he was unable to reach the suffering man in two hours. His forehead struck the door steps and cut a gash which took six stitches, and while the patient is still suffering intense pain he is on the road to recovery.

Mrs. R. P. Council and children returned home Monday from a month's vacation.

The Parkton baseball team, of what's left, have gone over to Red Springs this afternoon to cross bats with their league team. We do not know who they went, only to have a game. They would play Detroit if a challenge were received.

Rev. H. B. and Mrs. Porter report an eight-pound girl smiles in abundance.

Mule Killed by Lightning—Mr. N. K. Powers Has Close Call.

A mule belonging to Mr. Avery Powers of Powersville was struck and killed by lightning Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mr. Sandy Inman, who lives near Powersville, during an electrical storm which passed over that section. Mr. Powers, in company with Mr. N. K. Powers and others was caught in the storm and drove the mule and buggy under Mr. Inman's shelter. Mr. N. K. Powers was standing between the buggy wheels when the mule was struck and suffered a severe shock but was not otherwise injured. He considers it a miracle that he escaped.

Woman Narrowly Escapes Drowning—Man Who Went to Phone for Doctor Thrown From Horse.

While about 25 women and men from the National Cotton Mills village were bathing in Lumber river late Monday afternoon Mrs. Ed Purnell came near being drowned. In attempting to rescue her several men also came near being drowned. And the man who hurried to phone for a doctor met with disaster. Somebody—his name has not been learned—jumped on a horse and started at a rapid pace for the mill to phone for a physician and the horse threw him on his head and came near breaking his neck. No one was seriously injured, it seems, but it has been difficult to get particulars of the affair.

Wilmington Star, Aug. 10: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Parham and Master James, Jr., returned to the city yesterday morning from Lumberton, where they spent Sunday with relatives.

APPEAL TO MEXICAN FACTIONS

U. S. and 6 Other Nations Unite in Appeal to Leaders of All Factions in Mexico to Cease Civil Strife.

New York Dispatch, Aug. 11. Secretary Lansing, on behalf of the United States government and the diplomatic representatives of Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Uruguay, Guatemala, today signed an appeal addressed to the leaders of all factions in Mexico asking them in the name of humanity and national patriotism, to cease their civil strife and assemble a peace conference.

The action, taken after a two-hours session, was not of a joint character, but identical. An informal but unanimous note will be sent expressing the views of the seven governments that the condition of chaos in Mexico has injured the prestige of the nation abroad and supplicating the Mexican leaders and generals to make a supreme effort to bring together all elements in the creation of a provisional government that can be given world-wide recognition.

Beyond this step today's session did not go, reserving until a later date consideration of the situation that may be created by refusal of any of the factions to participate in a peace conference. There was no discussion, in fact, of eventualities, notwithstanding that press dispatches reported Carranza's outspoken objections to the Pan-American method of settling Mexico's struggle. The assembled diplomats took the view tonight that what their appeal is fully disclosed to General Carranza he will not misunderstand their purposes or accuse them, as he has of attempting to interfere in Mexico's internal affairs.

Feeling of Confidence

When the conference adjourned tonight there was a feeling of confidence that a decisive step toward restoring Mexico to her place in the family of nations had been taken. The appeal, which is brief and courteously phrased, calls upon the Mexicans to consider the injurious effect throughout the world which the constant turbulence in Mexico has caused. The petition suggests that a peace conference be held on neutral territory far from the roar of cannon. The governments signing it express their willingness to act, if invited, in any practicable way to assist in bringing the factions together for the conference.

The communication will be given widest publicity throughout Mexico, and will be delivered by the diplomatic and consular agents of the various governments signatory to it. Replies are definitely asked for, hope being expressed that these will be received within ten days after the communication reaches the leaders unless some just cause for delay presents itself.

Singing Class From The Odd Fellows Orphanage, Goldsboro.

This class will give an entertainment in the opera house, commencing at 8:30, Tuesday night, August 17th. The class consists of 14 boys and girls and is in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Baird as managers. These children have never visited Lumberton. They come this time with not only the highest recommendations as to the entertainment, but representing the orphanage cause, which appeals to every true North Carolinian. The Odd Fellows Lodge of this town ask that the good people give them a full house and liberal support. Reserved seat tickets are now on sale at McMillan's drug store.

FRANK GOUGH,
For Committee.

Notices of New Advertisements.

Notice of sale of real estate—P. C. Whitlock, Trustee.
Notice of sale under execution, J. H. Turner Furniture Co. has added up-to-date line of undertaking and supplies to its business at Red Springs.

Young lady with experience wants position as stenographer.
Most headache and nervous disorders are due to eyestrain which can be relieved by proper glasses—Dr. Parker.

Program at Pastime theatre.
Farmers' Warehouse of Lumberton is meeting competition and expects to continue getting customers highest market prices for tobacco—E. O. Bransford & Co.

Offerings at K. M. Biggs'.
Excursion rates over V. & C. S. Ry. Aug. 7.
Program at Star theatre.

Mrs. J. W. Langley of Dunn and Miss Ollie Cramichael of Anniston, Ala., arrived this morning to spend a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnson.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., for the Week Beginning Wednesday, August 11, 1915.

Special Notice: There is a tropical disturbance over the southern Windward Island section and weather for the territory east of the Mississippi river for the coming week is largely dependent upon the movement of this disturbance. At present indications are as follows:

For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Thunder showers for several days, followed by fair weather the remainder of the week; seasonable temperatures.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

License has been issued for the marriage of Ed Barfield and Leola Lovett.

Vira Pate, 8 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pate, died at the home of her parents Tuesday at the Lumberton Cotton Mills of typhoid fever.

The condition of Mr. J. P. McNeill, who has been confined to his home, Fifth and Pine, for some time, is no better today. Dr. J. P. Monroe of Charlotte arrived this morning to be with him.

In speaking one day this week of the "devilment" that liquor causes, Rural Policeman Eli Phillips says that he does not find near so many cases of drunkenness and disorder since the quart law went into effect, but finds that stealing has increased wonderfully.

Mr. John Meares, rural letter carrier on route 5 from Lumberton, was away on his vacation but had to be called Tuesday by wire from Florence, S. C., on account of the fact that Mr. B. T. Blake, who was substituting for him, got sick. Mr. Emory Prevatt, carrier on route 1, is away on a 2-weeks' vacation. Mr. Clyde Martin substitute.

Mr. Braxton Branch, who has been local ticket agent for the V. & C. S. for some time, has resigned his position. Mr. L. R. Bullard, who has been warehouse clerk for some time for the V. & C. S. will succeed Mr. Branch as ticket agent. Mr. Bullard will be succeeded by Mr. Cox from Bass. Mr. Branch has not decided yet what he will do.

Mr. J. I. Newman of Winston-Salem, vice president of C. H. Cartee & Co. and general manager of a chain of five 5, 10 and 20 cent stores of that company, spent Tuesday in Lumberton with his son, Mr. J. P. Newman, manager of the company's local store. The Messrs. Newman left Tuesday evening for New York to purchase goods for the Lumberton store and others operated by C. H. Cartee & Co.

In the anniversary edition of The Robesonian on May 6 there was a photograph of the handsome home of Mr. J. L. Stephens, North Chestnut street. A few days ago Mr. Stephens received a letter from a gentleman in Richmond, N. C., wanting him to send him the plans of the house. He stated that he saw the picture in the paper and wanted to build a house and wanted one like it. Of course Mr. Stephens will send the plans.

Mr. J. A. Green, Jr., who has been on the staff of the Raleigh News and Observer for the past year, came home last night on a short visit to his parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Green. Mr. Green had charge of getting out the Rotary special edition of the News and Observer, issued Tuesday of this week, and it was a most creditable piece of work. He is going into business for himself in the fall in Raleigh. He will conduct a newspaper advertising agency.

CHURCH NOTES

Baraca-Philathea Convention at the First Baptist Church Sunday.

Attention is called again for the final time to the county Baraca-Philathea convention which will be held at the First Baptist church in Lumberton Sunday, Aug. 15, beginning at 11 a. m. This has been mentioned several times in The Robesonian and the program has been published in this paper. It is the purpose of the local committee to serve dinner on the church grounds for all delegates, or inside the near-by school building if the weather is inclement, and the local committee will meet all trains and provide conveyances to the church. It is expected and desired that a large crowd of organized class workers from all over the county attend.

Mass Sunday Morning.
Rev. Father Watson of Wilmington will celebrate mass at the opera house Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.

Mr. N. R. Kinlaw of Lumberton, route 7, is in town today enroute to Mars Hill, where he will enter Mars Hill College.

Messrs. L. H. Townsend, Clarence McArthur and Jno. S. Butley, of St. Pauls are among the business visitors in town today.

Jim McMillan, colored, of St. Pauls, was before Assistant Recorder Johnson this morning on a charge of slandering Miss Sinclair, colored, of St. Pauls. The evidence in the case was not sufficient to convict him so he was acquitted of the charge and the prosecuting party was taxed with the cost of the case.

Friends and Customers
I have decided to extend my Mid-Summer Sale until Sept. 1st., which will be 23 more days. Come and get your Share of the Bargains.
A. Weinstein Dept. Store
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which can be relieved by proper glasses. Let us examine your eyes for these conditions. The results might surprise you.

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