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VILLA WILL DEFY U. S.

Says He Will Attack Mexican Town of Agua Prieta Regardless of Any Action United States Troops May Take.

Douglas, Ariz., Dispatch, Oct. 31.
Villa troops invading Sonora arrived today within striking distance of Agua Prieta, opposite here, and the expected attack against the Carranza garrison apparently is a matter of hours. Advance cavalry of the invaders halted late today, 3 1/2 miles east of Agua Prieta. General Francisco Villa, who arrived at the international border, several miles further east, a few hours earlier, talked with Americans across the boundary and announced that he intended to attack the Mexican town, regardless of any action United States troops might take. "If necessary, I will fight the United States army assembled along the border," he said.

General Villa learned for the first time today that permission had been given by the United States government for Carranza to move troops through American territory to reinforce the Agua Prieta garrison. Four Carranza troops are journeying through United States territory arrived tonight bringing the fighting strength of the Carranza garrison to 6,000 men. Villa, according to reliable estimates has 10,000 soldiers.

It was expected here that Villa would open the engagement as quickly as possible because of the condition of his army. Carranza's troops were thirsty tonight in positions for from water and scant supplies of food. It is believed Villa contemplates moving his main body into position sometime during the night following one of his favorite plans.

Synod Meets Next at Salisbury—Barium Springs Orphanage Report.

The synod of North Carolina, in session at Gastonia last week, selected First church, Salisbury, as the place for the meeting next year and the time is the 4th Tuesday in October.

The report of the Barium Springs Orphanage showed 202 children in the institution, a school building and auditorium recently completed and a contract let for central heating plant at the cost of \$11,500. The farm showed a profit of about \$1,500; truck farm, \$800, and dairy \$400. The support fund last year amounted to \$25,104.90; building and equipment fund, \$4,726.68; bequests, \$2,025.22. The report recommended apportionment of \$52,000 among churches for support of orphanage during the coming year. Dr. H. G. Hill submitted the report and despite his 80-old years made a splendid impression.

White Man Taken From Jail and Lynched in Mississippi

Columbia, Miss., Dispatch, Oct. 31.
Jack Hughes, 30 years old, member of a prominent family of Washington Parish, La., was taken from the county jail here early today by a party of masked men and hanged to a tree a short distance outside the city limits. Hughes was under arrest in connection with the death of Larue Holloway, a well known young man of this place, who was shot and killed near here on the night of October 21.

According to the authorities, persons who witness the killing of Holloway in a lumber camp near here, said that Hughes shot the young man in the back without provocation. Holloway at the time, it was said, was engaged in a fight with another person while Hughes was on-looker.

U. S. Troops Entrenched Near Mexican Border.

Douglas, Ariz., Dispatch, Oct. 30.
Three thousand men of the Sixth United States infantry brigade are entrenched today within a few feet of the Mexican boundary, ready to interfere if an attack on the Carranza garrison of Agua Prieta, Sonora, by the Villa Army, expected Sunday or Monday, should result in shooting into American territory.

COTTON GINNED IN ROBESON

Special to The Robesonian.
Red Springs, R. F. D. 2, Nov. 1.—There were 26,203 bales of cotton counting round as half bales, ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1915 prior to October 18, 1915, as compared with 30,984 bales ginned prior to October 18, 1914.
D. McK. McARTHUR.

Cotton Crop Almost Harvested.

From all sections of the county comes the report that the cotton crop is almost harvested. While the crop is short the ideal weather which has prevailed during the fall months has had a deal to do with the crop being so quickly gathered. Many of the gins are now only running about half time.

Escaped Convict Captured.

Nole Jordan, colored, who recently escaped from chain gang No. 1, after serving 9 months of a 14 months' sentence for larceny, has been captured and now has his same job on the roads.

Candidate Hartness in Town.

Mr. J. A. Hartness of Statesville, who is a candidate for Secretary of State, is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. Hartness says he came to see the folks down this way.

COTTON AND COTTON SEED

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 14 1/4 cents the pound; strict middling 11 1/2. Seed, 55 1/2 cents the bushel.

SUMMARY OF THE WAR NEWS

Large Section of Serbia in Hands of Invaders—Strong Fortress of Pirota Falls to Bulgarians—French and Germans Fighting Desperately in France—Germans Make Advance on Russian Front.

A large section of Serbia is now in the hands of the invaders. The Austrians have penetrated Serbian territory on the Bosnian frontier and an Austrian column has advanced southward from Valjevo to Razana, while German forces, moving from the north and northwest have entered Milanovac. These places lie from 35 to 45 miles south of the Save river, indicating that the Austro-German advance has not been so slow as might be inferred from recent reports.

In southern Serbia, the strong fortress of Pirota, east of Nish and guarding the war capital, has fallen to the Bulgarians. Still further south the Bulgarians are reported to have recaptured Veles, at a cost of 25,000 men.

Austrians and Germans are also moving against Kraguyevatz in the north, the Serbian munitions stronghold, and according to the Austrian official statement the height southwest of Lapowa, only a short distance from Kraguyevatz, is in German hands.

It is reported from Sofia that the Anglo-French fleet has resumed the bombardment of Bulgaria's Aegean coast.

The French and Germans in the Artois and Champagne regions of France are fighting desperately, both sides claim successes at different points, but each also admits a defeat. The Germans in Champagne attacked over a five mile front with the exception of reaching the summit of Tahure Hill were repulsed with heavy losses, according to reports.

The Germans, on their part, announce the capture of a French position extending over 1,200 yards in Artois, but admit that north of Le Mans, in Champagne, a projecting trench section was lost to overwhelming numbers.

On the Russian front the Germans have driven back the Russians from Plakapan on the Missa river south of Pskov while farther south in the region of Oxtorvsk additional positions have been taken from the Russians by General von Lingen's forces. Along the Stipa river in Galicia the Russians are on the offensive.

The great offensive of the Italians against the Tofino and Gorizia battle-heads continues.

The semi-official Overseas News Agency of Berlin denies reports that Prince von Buelow has taken steps to prevent the opening of peace negotiations. It is asserted that he has not been charged with such a task.

News Notes and Personals From Raynham—Bumper Pea Crop.

Raynham, Oct. 30.—Picking peas is the order of the day around here and there is a bumper crop.

Mrs. J. R. Talbot and two children left last Wednesday for Pittsburg, Pa., to join her husband. Hopes she will like her new home.—Mr. Thomas Culbreth spent Sunday p. m. in Fairmont.—Mrs. F. M. Ivey and three children and Miss Kittie Ivey spent Sunday with Mrs. Ivey's father, Mr. Luther Bullock, near Raft Swamp.—Mr. Herbert Culbreth spent last week near Moss Neck.—Miss Naomi Ivey is spending some time with her aunts near Rowland.—Messrs. Dewey Hall and Luther Hall left Wednesday a. m. to attend the fair at Fayetteville. They are expected home tonight.

Mr. Joel Ivey says he is going to move back to his place and eat hog and hominy and dry peas. He has already picked 75 bushels and is still picking peas.

Misses Bertha and Nettie Townsend and brother Harvie of Raft Swamp attended church here Sunday.

Among the Sick.

Thompson hospital notes: Mrs. M. Singletary, R. F. D. No. 3, who was operated on last Thursday, is getting on nicely. Miss Gertrude Ashworth, who was operated on for appendicitis last Wednesday, is getting along very well. Mrs. Charlie Taylor of West Lumberton, who had been very sick for several weeks with fever, was able to return home Sunday. Mrs. J. V. Free, who was operated on few days ago, will be able to return to her home in town this week. Mrs. J. R. Poole and little Elizabeth Thomas, both of whom as mentioned before, underwent operation some time ago, were able to return to their homes last week. The colored boy Shelton Thompson, who was so badly wounded in the abdomen by a pistol shot two weeks ago and was immediately operated on, having received severe bullet punctures of intestines, will be able to go home Wednesday.

Recorder's Court.

The following cases have been disposed of by Recorder E. M. Britt since Thursday last week: L. Faircloth, false pretense, prayer for judgment continued on the payment of cost; Dolph Hardin, Indian, drunk and disorderly, judgment suspended on payment of cost; Walter Inman, drunk and disorderly, prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost; Joel Britt, false pretense, judgment suspended on the payment of cost; Emerson McRae, colored, vagrancy, 90 days on roads; Chas. Beatie, colored, retailing, prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost; Tracy Lamb, colored, retailing, \$25 and cost.

STATE NEWS

Wilmington Star, Nov. 1: The wood working plant of the Levering Manufacturing Co., Inc., situated just outside the city limits, on Smith's Creek, was totally destroyed by fire of an unknown origin yesterday morning shortly before noon. The loss is estimated at upward of \$60,000, partially covered by insurance, although officers of the company would make no statement whatever as to the fire beyond the fact that it had taken place.

The North Carolina Shakespeare Ter-Centenary Association was formally organized in Winston-Salem Friday. Mrs. Lindsay Psterson of Winston-Salem was elected president. The work of this organization is to foster Statewide interest in the celebration of Shakespeare's ter-centenary. In the leading cities of the Commonwealth pageants and plays will be given with a celebration of wide proportions by the Winston-Salem chapter in conjunction with Salem College.

ROWLAND AND COTTON VALLEY

A Good Town in a Good Farming Section—Well-Lighted Streets, Up-to-Date Business Houses, Good School, Attractive Homes—Also Beautiful Homes, Supplied With Modern Conveniences in Surrounding Country—Breaking Away From Dependence on Cotton Brings Prosperity

Bounded on the south by the famous "Cotton Valley" and on the west, north and east by farming lands that are just as productive as those of the "valley", Rowland, one of Robeson's many fast-growing and progressive towns, is already a mighty good town with a future as bright as the stars that shine on a fair October night.

It was the good fortune of this reporter to spend a few hours in Rowland and among the kind and hospitable people that make up its citizenry Saturday of last week. Perhaps the first thing that impresses a visitor to that town is its "white way", which makes the town, it is said, the best-lighted of its size in the world. The thing that next attracts one is the handsome and up-to-date business houses that line the well-lighted streets. In these buildings can be seen well-kept stocks of merchandise of all kinds, and the pleasant way in which the salesmen and salesladies in these merchandising establishments meet customers makes one feel that his business and his visits are appreciated.

Aside from the business houses, Rowland has one of the best high school buildings to be found in this entire section, the school being a State high school and public school combined. The beautiful well-kept grounds about the school building show the interest the progressive people of that entire section take in their school. The town is spotted also with churches of the various denominations and there are some of the most beautiful residences in the town to be found anywhere.

Riding out into the country round about Rowland one will see country homes just as beautiful and costly and well cared for as those in town. These beautiful farms and modern farm homes surrounded by all modern conveniences give one an idea of many of the attractive things that make farm and country life ideal. Here we might add it takes a progressive and enterprising agricultural district to back up a town in order that it may be one worth while.

Perhaps the greatest mistake the farmers of the section round about Rowland ever made is that in the past they have relied too much on "King Cotton". Only one year ago we were in the same good town, but everybody was wearing a long face on account of the low price of cotton; but this year the farmers have farmed in a way to be able to be independent and the faces that were wrinkled with frowns a year ago are now beaming like the golden sunlight, and smiles are evident on every side.

From personal observation, the cotton this year seems to be better in the section about Rowland than anywhere else in the great county of Robeson. One farmer remarked that the crop was going to be even better than had been expected before it was gathered. This fact, and the high prices, and the fact that the farmers have their corn, hay, potatoes, syrup and other things they have been buying, at home, is enough to make folks smile and be happy.

This short article does not pretend to show up the many good impressions made by my visit. To appreciate the kindness and hospitality of the good people of that good town you will have to go and see.

—HAPPY JACK.

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CHAUTAQUA NEXT FALL

Six Chautauqua Attractions Last Week Enjoyed by Large Audiences—Three-Days' Course Guaranteed for Next Fall.

The 3-day Chautauqua last week was enjoyed by fairly large crowds at the afternoon performances and by a full house for every evening performance. Practically the entire lower floor of the opera house was sold in advance in season tickets and the gallery was also full for nearly every performance.

Between the lecture and the concert Saturday evening Mr. R. D. Caldwell announced for the local committee that guaranteed the \$300 necessary to secure the Chautauqua, that receipts had amounted to something over \$340, hence the local committee not only does not lose anything on the guarantee this year but has a small surplus, as half of all over \$300 is retained by the committee. This will be used as a nucleus for a fund for a community rest room. Mr. Caldwell announced that already 25 men had signed the contract guaranteeing the Chautauqua for next year and names sufficient to bring the number of guarantors to more than thirty were secured in a few minutes upon Mr. Caldwell's invitation. After enough signatures were secured to the contract, cards were distributed in the audience and many signed for the number of seats they would obligate to take for the next Chautauqua.

The Chautauqua bids fair to be a permanent thing for Lumberton. Last week's course was the second, and the attractions last week were attended by much larger crowds than attended last spring. All the attractions are high class. The lectures by Col. George A. Gearhart and Dr. Albert Marion Hyde, the latter platform manager, were of a high order and were alone worth the price of a season ticket. The same might be said of any two of the attractions. Perhaps the most enjoyable entertainments were given by Durno, the magician and ventriloquist. Durno did many marvelous stunts and kept his audiences in an uproar of laughter during both performances. Eugene Lockhart, the Scotch-Canadian entertainer, was fine, also the Tyrolean Alpine yodlers.

Lumberton was given a treat in the Chautauqua last week and all who enjoyed those entertainments will look forward to the coming of the Chautauqua again. It is hoped that much more will be realized for local purposes from the next Chautauqua.

WAGES IMPROVING

Conditions Rapidly Returning to Normal According to Trades Figures. Raleigh News and Observer.

Wages in the trades in North Carolina show a considerable improvement over wages of last year and the indications are that the conditions of employment in the State are rapidly returning to normal, according to the statement of Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman in the Trades chapter of his annual report now under compilation. Late figures secured by the office make fuller figures possible this year than ever before.

"There has been considerable falling off of employment," says that report, "since the last report was issued, due to it is believed, to fright on account of the European war, and on account of the low price of cotton, the influence of which was to stagnate business in this territory. Due to this result, wages show a slight decrease as against last year. At the present time a view of the field seems to indicate that improvement has already set in, and that conditions of employment will soon return to normal, and that wages will rise to their former level.

"The average wages of the different trades reported are as follows: Automobile mechanic, \$1.50; blacksmith, \$1.88; boiler maker, \$3.48; brickmason, \$4.21; cabinet maker, \$1.92; carpenter, \$2.16; contractor, \$2.31; conductor, \$4.25; electrician, \$3.00; electric engineer, \$1.42; engineer, \$2.50; foreman car shop, \$3.50; machinist, \$3.07; molder, \$2.75; painter, \$2.65; plasterer, \$4.13; plumber, \$4.50; stonemason, \$3.50; woodworker, \$1.53.

Joe Grant, a Greene county farmer, has never had any confidence in banks and has kept his savings in a trunk at his home. He had accumulated the sum of \$2,250 and the other day when he went to look at it in his trunk the money was gone. Some one had stolen the money and then had locked the trunk.

THE SHIFTLSS FARMER AND THE NON-ADVERTISER

The farmer who plants his seed in the ground and then lets it grow as it will without further cultivation is like the business man who buys a stock of goods, opens his doors and is satisfied with what trade naturally drifts in. But the advertising firm is like the progressive farmer who works in his field day after day and is rewarded with a big crop. True, the shiftless farmer gets as much per bushel for his grain as the farmer who spends all summer in the field—but he does not have as many bushels to sell. And so it is with the business house. The progressive house advertises all the time and as a result makes so many sales at a small profit that its total gains are far more than the non-advertiser who is satisfied with a few big profits on a few scattering sales. The wise man or woman knows it pays to trade with firms that advertise.

CHURCH NEWS

Protracted Meeting This Week at Chestnut Street Methodist—Quarterly Conference Last Evening.

A protracted meeting was begun at Chestnut Street Methodist church yesterday. Rev. Dr. W. B. North will do the preaching. Services will be held each evening until further notice at 7:30 o'clock.

Miss Iva Pearson of Dunn, a guest of Miss Lina Gough, delighted the congregation at Chestnut Street Methodist church with a solo at the service yesterday morning.

Rev. J. H. Hall, presiding elder of the Rockingham district, preached at this church last evening and after the service held the last quarterly conference for the Conference year. For the ensuing year the old board of stewards was re-elected, as follows: O. C. Norment, C. B. Townsend, W. H. Humphrey, A. E. White, G. M. Whitfield, N. P. Andrews, L. C. Townsend, L. T. Townsend, J. A. Boone, Sr., D. D. French, C. V. Brown, J. A. Sharpe, L. T. Townsend was elected recording steward; A. E. White, district steward; K. M. Barnes, superintendent of Sunday school, re-elected, O. C. Norment and J. A. Sharpe, assistants; H. E. Stacy, lay leader.

Mr. Hall preached at Pine Grove church, Lumberton circuit, of which Rev. N. L. Seabolt is pastor, yesterday morning and held quarterly conference for that circuit Saturday.

Robeson Baptist Association at Lumberton

The 33d annual session of the Robeson Association will be held with the church at Lumber Bridge Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, November 3, 4 and 5. Mr. L. R. Varner of Lumberton is moderator. Following is the order of business:

Wednesday—11:00 a. m., Sermon—Alexander Miller; 12:00 m., organization; 1:30 p. m., Biblical Recorder—J. P. Hedgpeth; 1:45 p. m., Ministers' Relief—T. L. Johnson; 2:15 p. m., Laymen's Movement—E. D. Caldwell; 2:45 p. m., Home Missions—J. F. Davis.

Thursday—9:30 a. m., Devotional; 9:45 a. m., Woman's Work—D. P. Bridges; 10:15 a. m., Christian Education—Rev. C. L. Graves; 11:00 a. m., State Missions—B. Townsend; 1:30 p. m., Sunday Schools—Frank Gough; 2:30 p. m., Orphanage—J. L. Jenkins.

Friday—9:30 a. m., Devotional; 9:45 a. m., Condition of the Churches—W. R. Davis; 10:30 a. m., Foreign Missions—J. A. Snow; 11:00 a. m., Miscellaneous business.

Rev. A. J. Groves returned Saturday night from Bethlehem church, Bladen county, where on Saturday he made an address to the Bladen circuit Sunday school conference.

Successful Revival at St. Pauls.

St. Pauls Messenger, Oct. 28.
Quite a successful revival service closed this week at the Baptist church, with ten additions to the church.

Methodists Building Church in East Lumberton.

The congregation of the East Lumberton Methodist church have recently begun the erection of an up-to-date new church building. The building will seat about 400 when completed. There will be seven class rooms besides the auditorium to be used by the Sunday school, of which Mayor A. E. White is superintendent. Rev. N. L. Seabolt is pastor of the church. In the past the church and Sunday school has used the school building as a house of worship.

Graves of Flora McDonald's Children

Sanford Express.
The Raleigh Times states that a large and well taken photograph of the graves of the two children of Flora McDonald, who are buried in Richmond county, near McIntyre church, has been presented to the Hall of History by Mr. W. R. Coppedge, superintendent of the public schools of that county. While Flora McDonald was living in the southern edge of Montgomery county two of her children died of typhus fever, and were buried a short distance across the line of what is now Richmond county. They are marked only by rough stones from the vicinity, but Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton and some other gentlemen, are arranging to cover the graves with concrete and erect a granite shaft. The graves are in the woods and recently the timber was cut and log wagons knocked aside the head-stones.

—Mr. A. Rowland Bullock of route 1 from Fairmont began work in Mr. A. Weinstein's department store this morning and will assist in the store for several days while Mr. Weinstein is in New York buying goods.

—Mr. Frank Gough returned this morning from Union, S. C., where last week he purchased a \$10,000 stock of shoes for the large department store of Messrs. White & Gough. Special attention is directed to this purchase in an advertisement elsewhere in this paper in addition to the page ad of this firm.

Postoffice robberies have been so numerous of late that an order has gone forth to all postmasters except of the first-class to keep on hand a smaller number of stamps and other papers of commercial value and to guard them more carefully. Reports to the Postoffice Department shows that 1,400 claims, aggregating a loss of \$190,000, resulted from robberies of postoffices last year. They were received from nearly every section of the country.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

The board of county commissioners and the county board of education are in regular session today.

—Mr. A. Weinstein will leave tonight for New York, where he will spend several days buying goods for his department store.

—Mr. A. V. G. Wishart has opened up a wholesale fruit and produce business in the Biggs building, Chestnut street, near the Union station.

—Mr. J. A. Branch moved Friday and Saturday his grocery store from the Caldwell building, Elm street, into his new store building, Chestnut street.

—Mr. D. Barrington of route No. 5 from Maxton is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Barrington reports the farmers almost through picking cotton in his section.

—The regular monthly meeting of Robeson Chapter, U. D. C., will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of the president, Mrs. E. K. Proctor, Elm and Sixth streets.

—Rev. K. C. Horn of Bonlee, this State, arrived Friday and spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Bullock. Mr. Horn preached at the Fairmont Baptist church yesterday morning and at Back Swamp yesterday afternoon.

—Mr. B. L. Hallman and family left yesterday for Southport, where Mr. Hallman goes to take charge as superintendent of the light plant. Mr. Hallman is succeeded by Mr. J. L. McNeil.

—The Virginia & Carolina Southern will operate a Pullman from Lumberton to Richmond for the annual Thanksgiving football game between the Universities of North Carolina and Virginia. The V. & C. S. usually carries a crowd from Lumberton to Richmond on these occasions.

—Mr. J. T. Barker returned Saturday from a trip to Albemarle, Randolph and Guilford counties in search of cows, but he says he could not find any at prices that would permit of his purchasing to sell. Mr. Barker returned via Fayetteville and visited the Cumberland county fair.

—Mr. Lucy McNair, who lives about two miles from town on the Fayetteville road, brought the editor four turkeys this morning that are large enough to furnish for a large family several "messes". This is the second time Mr. McNair has thus remembered the editor and it is highly appreciated.

—A card reading as follows was received this morning by The Robesonian from Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Britt, who were married in South Carolina nearly two weeks ago: "We are now on our way up the Hudson to Albany. From there we will go to Niagara Falls and from there via Lehigh Valley Ry. to New York City. We are having a fine trip."

—Mr. M. J. Barker of the St. Pauls section was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Miss Pattie Odum, an orphan niece of Mr. Barker, who lives with him, underwent a serious operation at the Highsmith hospital in Fayetteville two weeks ago Saturday. Her condition has improved to such an extent that it is expected she will be able to return home this week.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Freeman returned home Friday night from Bluefield, W. Va., where they went early in August on a visit to relatives. While there Mr. Freeman secured employment in the car shops of the N. & W. Railroad, being promoted during his short service over men who had been employed in the shops a much longer time. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman may decide to return to Bluefield to live.

—While shifting freight cars at the local yards Thursday the R. & C. freight crew allowed a car to get beyond control and it ran against a heavily loaded coal car with such force as to knock one end of it off the track at the end of which it was standing. The wheels were completely buried in the sand and while a force of hands worked all day Saturday trying to get it back in place it is still on the ground. It is said that the car had 55 tons of coal on it.

—On account of her health Mrs. W. S. Wishart closed last night the boarding house she has been conducting at her home, Elm and Seventh streets. In his weekly letter in the Wilmington Star yesterday Mr. Wishart says of this change, "For three generations this has been a boarding house and more meals have been served there than in any other house now standing in Lumberton." It will seem strange indeed not to be able to get meals at Mrs. Wishart's.

—A petition is being circulated and signed by interested property owners to grant to the town for the purpose of a street a strip of land along the Carthage road upon their property sufficient to give the road a uniform width of 30 feet. The grant is to be in consideration of the widening and improvement of the road through the property of the signers. This part of town needs sewer and water connections and it is hoped that these improvements will follow improvement of the road or street.

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