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CARRANZA TROOPS JOIN VILLA

Grave Apprehension in Washington as to Outcome of American Expedition into Mexico—2,000 Carranza Troops at Chihuahua Revolt and Join Bandit Chief to Fight America.

Washington Dispatch, March 22.

Grave apprehension regarding the outcome of the American expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Villa was evident for the first time in Washington tonight after receipt by the War Department of a dispatch from General Funston saying a report had reached him that 2,000 Carranza troops at Chihuahua under General Herrera had revolted and aligned themselves with the bandit chief.

General Funston did not disclose the source of his information. So far as could be learned, no confirmation had reached the State Department or the Mexican Embassy, but developments were awaited with tense anxiety.

If Herrera and his troops have joined Villa, some officials believe other Carranza commanders and troops may quickly follow the example. In such an event the United States and the de facto Government of Mexico would find themselves confronted with a situation so serious that its possibilities hardly could be estimated.

The troops under Herrera are described here as probably the best equipped in northern Mexico. Louis Herrera at one time was one of Villa's most active aides, as was his brother Madroño. Rumors concerning the doubtful intentions of the Arrieta brothers, leading a force in Durango, also have tended to increase disquiet here.

Rebellion in Carranza's army would make it necessary to rush every available American soldier to reinforce the advancing columns. For this purpose not more than about 15,000 men could be used without calling out the National Guard. There are now on the border of Mexico in the neighborhood of 25,000 soldiers and in the whole of the continental United States the other mobile forces number only a little more than 5,000.

Reports from the border tonight were the subject of a long conference during the evening between President Wilson and Secretary Baker. Afterwards Mr. Baker declined to talk.

'1916 MODEL' STILL CAPTURED

Still Made of Wash-Pot, Piece of Pipe and Gourd—Near St. Paul

As a result of a raid made by Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Deputy A. H. Prevatt and Rural Policeman L. H. Townsend yesterday one "1916 model" whiskey-making plant was captured. The still was made of a wash pot, with a piece of galvanized pipe for the worm and a home-grown gourd for the funnel. This up-to-date plant was located in an old out house in which no one lives, about 5 miles west of St. Pauls. There was no one with the still when captured. The plant was brought to Lumberton and placed in the cellar at the court house. Sheriff Lewis says he does not think the still had been operated since it was placed in the house.

Love-Redfean Trial Now On

Trial of the case of Prof. J. F. Love, principal of the Lumberton graded school, against Chief of Police H. H. Redfean, was begun this morning at 11:15 o'clock and when court adjourned for dinner at 1:30 o'clock only a small number of the witnesses in the case had been examined. There is much interest in the case, the court room this morning being almost filled with spectators. The history of the case up to the beginning of this trial has been published in The Robesonian. A jury of six men was empaneled for the case, which is being tried before Recorder E. M. Britt.

Mr. W. C. Bivins editor of The Ansonian, Mr. F. W. Dunlap, Mr. Bryon Redfean, and Mr. L. D. Robinson, the last-named one of the attorneys for the defendant, are among the out-of-town people here from Wadesboro, former home of Chief Redfean, for the trial.

Mr. Boone Will Go to China as Farm Demonstrator

Mr. W. C. Boone arrived Tuesday night from Franklinton and is visiting at the home of his father, Mr. J. W. Boone, on the Carthage road 4 miles from Lumberton. He resigned recently as farm demonstrator of Lenoir county to accept a similar position in China with the British-American Tobacco Co. He will teach the Chinese farmers to grow a brighter tobacco. The Chinese are the oldest tobacco growers in the world and they rank third now in production. Mr. Boone left Winston about 8 weeks ago and went to Franklinton to visit his brother Mr. John A. Boone. He will leave on April 15 for San Francisco and will sail from there on April 22 for Shanghai. He goes to China under a 4-year contract.

Miss Cornelia Steele returned yesterday from Greensboro where she spent several days visiting her sister Miss Louise Steele, who is a student at the State Normal College.

AGED WOMAN KILLED BY TRAIN

Mrs. Alf Prevatt Killed by Shifting Engine in East Lumberton—Stepped in Front of Engine—Body Horribly Mangled—Remains Interred Tuesday

A horrible accident occurred Monday afternoon about 4:15 o'clock when Mrs. Alf Prevatt was run over and instantly killed by a Virginia & Carolina Southern shifting engine near the Dresden cotton mill.

Mrs. Prevatt, who was 70 years old, lived in the eastern part of town and had been to the Lumberton cotton mill store and was returning home when the fatal accident occurred. She was killed where the dirt road leading from town to the cotton mill crosses the railroad, just opposite the Dresden cotton mill. Parties who saw the train when it struck the woman say that she stepped to one side right near the crossing to let an automobile pass and then stepped on the railroad track right in front of the moving train. Those nearest the scene of the accident say the whistle was blown for the crossing and that the bell was ringing at the time the train struck its victim. Mrs. Prevatt was wearing a large bonnet, which covered her ears, and it is said that she was somewhat deaf.

The engineer was looking back at the conductor for a signal and never saw the woman. He ran his train on to the station before he knew the woman had been killed. The engine was coming in from the plant of the Kingsdale Lumber Corporation.

The left foot of the woman was cut off, also the top of her head. The right arm was almost severed at the shoulder and many of the bones in her body were broken.

Immediately after officers of the railroad company had been notified of the woman's death they ordered the undershirts establishment of Messrs. Stephens & Barnes to take charge of the remains. After they had been prepared for burial the remains were carried to the home of deceased's granddaughter, Miss Lula Bryant, Second and Pine streets. The railroad company paid all the burial expenses and requested the undertakers to use nothing but the best of material in putting the remains away.

The funeral was conducted from the Bryan home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. N. L. Seabolt, pastor of the Lumberton circuit, assisted by Rev. W. D. Combs, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle. Interment was made in the Gunn cemetery, about two miles west of town. Deceased was a member of Chestnut Street Methodist church and has many friends who were horrified to hear of her sad fate.

CHURCH NOTES

First Services in New Catholic Church Sunday

Services will be held in the new Catholic church east Fifth street, Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock for the first time. The services will be conducted by Rev. Father Geo. Watkins of Wilmington. The church will be dedicated in the near future.

Lecture on African Missions

A crowd which filled the Sunday school room at Chestnut Street Methodist church heard Mr. I. W. Medlin, field secretary of the Epworth League of the North Carolina Conference, deliver a lecture on African missions Monday evening. The lecture was illustrated with stereopticon views showing Bishop Lambeth, pioneer missionary in Africa, other missionaries and natives, and something of what has been done. Mr. Medlin said that Epworth Leagues of the Southern Methodist Church have for the past two years contributed \$16,000 a year for African missions. He complimented the league here on its work. The lecture was very much enjoyed and was instructive.

Quarterly Meeting of Lumber Baptist Sunday Schools for Colored

The quarterly meeting of the Lumber River Baptist Sunday schools, colored, will be held at St. John's Baptist church here Sunday. Among those on the program to make addresses are Messrs. R. D. Caldwell and S. McIntyre, two leading white Sunday school workers of Lumberton. It will be an all-day occasion. Exercises on Home Missions at Tolarsville Sunday

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Tolarsville, March 22—The girls auxiliary of Tolarsville church will give a program Sunday afternoon, the 26th, at 3 o'clock on home missions. The public is invited.

Residence of Mr. H. M. John at Lumber Bridge Burned

The residence of Mr. H. M. John at Lumber Bridge, with practically all its contents, was destroyed by fire about 3 o'clock this morning. The fire started in a room next to the kitchen. The loss was several thousand dollars. The property was insured for \$1,800.

Rev. V. R. Gaston, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Antioch, Hoke county, Mr. A. D. McPhaul of Antioch, Editor R. B. Branch and Mr. Fred Brown of Red Springs will visit Lumberton Tuesday.

PRIZES FOR COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

Prizes Offered for Contests and Exhibits at County Commencement April 7

Interest in the County Commencement to be held in Lumberton April 7 is increasing every day. From all over the county correspondents of The Robesonian are writing that the people are preparing to come and are expecting a big day.

Prizes will be offered for contests and exhibits as follows, each school to furnish only one contestant:

For the school making the best appearance in the parade, taking in consideration marching and order, \$2.50, H. E. Stacy.

For the best industrial exhibit, \$5.00, Hon. J. L. Gowin.

For the best exhibit for one-teacher school, \$2.50, W. K. Bethune.

For the best exhibit for two-teacher school, \$2.50, R. E. Lewis.

For the best exhibit for three-teacher school, \$5.00, The Robesonian.

For the best exhibit high schools, \$5.00, White & Gough.

Best speller in the elementary grades, \$2.50, C. B. Skipper.

Best speller in the high schools, \$2.50, M. W. Floyd.

Best essay, not over 200 words, "WHY ROBESON COUNTY SHOULD HAVE GOOD ROADS", \$2.50, Ira B. Mullis.

Best specimen of penmanship, (gold medal), Holmes Jewelry Co.

Athletic Contests

100-yard race, \$2.00, McAllister Hdw. Co., Inc.

1-4 mile race, \$2.00, McLean, Varner & McLean.

1-2 mile race, \$2.00, Johnson & Johnson.

1 mile relay race, \$5.00, McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor.

Running high jump, \$2.00, Freeman Printing Co., Inc.

Running broad jump, \$2.00, J. D. McMillan & Son.

WHITE POND NEWS NOTES

Mr. Frank Gough Will Address Sunday School Rally Sunday—Tobacco Plants Scarce—Epidemic of Chicken Pox About Over—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

White Pond (Fairmont, R. F. D.), March 21—There will be a Sunday school rally at White Pond next Sunday afternoon, the exercises beginning at 2 o'clock. Mr. Frank Gough of Lumberton will make an address, and the Sunbeam band will render a short programme. Mr. Gough was to make a Sunday school address here about a year ago, but the roads were so bad his car mired up on the way. We hope for better luck this time.

Glad to say our folks are all well of chicken pox. It stopped a good many of the children from school for a few days, but most of them are back.

The outlook for the tobacco crop in this section is not very bright. No one it seems, has any plants.

Mrs. Blanche Huggins and Mrs. Melinda Miller visited Mrs. N. J. Page Sunday—Miss Lillian Page visited friends at Fairmont Saturday—Miss Fann Watson spent short time with home folks Sunday—Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Byrd visited friends in the Baltimore section Sunday—Miss Docia Watson was a Lumberton visitor Saturday—Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Page of Lumberton were down at their farm near White Pond last week.

Mr. Tucker Britt went to Lumberton Saturday to record an important will of which he was appointed administrator, but he found that the will had been destroyed, so we have been told that he decided to buy his license instead.

Capt. Russell Will Speak in Wilmington

Wilmington Star, 22nd: The theme for the meeting of the local union, Friday evening, March 24, at 3 p. m., will be "In Union There is Strength". Short talks will be made by live Endeavors of the city, also by Capt. J. P. Russell of Lumberton, who is one of the "liveliest" wires in Christian Endeavor that the State possesses. Talks will be made on "Unity of Purpose", "Unity of Endeavor", "Unity of Thought" and "Unity of Fellowship". After these talks the election of officers will take place and the adoption of the constitution and by laws. The public is invited to attend.

Crowd Gathered to See Wedding Which Did Not Come Off As Expected

A Whiteville dispatch in today's Wilmington Star states that yesterday afternoon William Jones of Lumberton and Miss Mamie Pittman of Fairmont presented themselves at the office of the register of deeds in Whiteville and Mr. Jones applied for marriage license. A crowd gathered in expectation of seeing a wedding and some kind souls took it upon themselves to send for a justice of the peace, who arrived in due time, but the couple passed out of the room and left the crowd with the parting remark from the prospective groom, "Good day, come to see us some time".

SINGING CONVENTION SUNDAY

Large Crowd of People Expected at Convention at Parkton Sunday Afternoon—Girls Will Debate—Parkton Defeats St. Paul—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, March 21—Following is a brief programme of the singing convention to be held in the auditorium of the graded school building on next Sunday afternoon March 26, at 3 o'clock: Devotional exercises by Rev. J. L. Jenkins; Prof. H. W. Doub, principal of the graded school, will deliver the welcome address, and will have charge of the programme; response by Mr. F. Culbreth. The two choirs that will do the singing will be Roslin and the Parkton choir, with Mr. Fulton R. Hall of Fayetteville as speaker for the occasion. Each choir will sing two selections in rotation until a dozen or more songs will have been heard, with some special selections, such as solos, duets and male quartets. The two choirs and the audience will open the services by all singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". The programme promises to be the most interesting and attractive one rendered here since the last school commencement, and no doubt will draw the largest crowd of people, as it will be thoroughly advertised. Fayetteville, Hope Hills, Raeford, Red Springs, Lumberton, Maxton, Lumber Bridge, St. Pauls, Rex and many other towns are expected to be represented.

Misses Annie Williamson and Margaret McMillan, of the high school department, will debate with the Lumber Bridge high school girls on next Thursday evening. Our girls are to defend the negative side of the all-important question "Should we greatly enlarge the navy." So you see there is something doing all the time.

There was a practice game of baseball on the local diamond Friday afternoon by St. Paul and the local team. The weather was cold and bitter, but the boys seemed to want to play and you never witnessed a finer game. The score was St. Paul 1, Parkton 4. Only one accident occurred, and that was when C. Johnson, batter for Parkton, sprained his ankle, and hence had to play the remainder of the game running on one cylinder; but he succeeded well. The game was marked by many features.

R. B. Hudson, our clever agent, made a real grandstand play when C. Dunn, for the visitors, batted the highest fly we have ever seen. One of the visitors made a fine catch in deep center, one of those line drives. The batteries for the locals were McMillan and Johnson; batteries for St. Pauls were Cobb and Johnson. Each team played well and a cleaner game never was played on our diamond. Umpire, Jenkins. Time of game, 1:45.

Mr. A. L. Ivey and wife and small son, Marshall, of Maxton, spent Sunday with Mr. W. R. Ivey and returned Sunday afternoon, accompanied by Mr. W. R. Ivey.

Miss Ruby Stubbs, one of the teachers at Glennwood, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stubbs and returned to her school Sunday evening. Also Mr. James Stubbs of Clo, S. C., spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stubbs, and returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. L. L. McGouhen and two small daughters and Mr. P. R. Lowry and Mr. Charles Terry of St. Paul, were visitors to our town Sunday afternoon.

Born on the nineteenth, to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Thompson, a fine boy.

AT THE MOVIES

Pastime

The Pastime theatre offers today a dramatic innovation in "One Hundred Years Ago", in two reels, featuring Rupert Julian; Universal Animated Weekly, Echoes of the Wilson Wedding, and one-reel Nestor comedy. Tomorrow will be presented "The Frame-Up", a 5-reel Broadway feature in which will be seen George Fawcett in the lead. "The Frame-Up" will be found to be full of interest from start to finish. The Paramount Travel picture will also be run for the school children, as is done every Friday. Five cents or a dozen tin cans for the little folks, 10 cents for adults. Saturday Helen Holmes will be seen in the 9th chapter of "The Girl and the Game". On Tuesday of next week, "The Island of Regeneration". One of the greatest V. L. S. E. productions, will be offered. This will be recognized as one of the greatest feature pictures yet offered in Lumberton. "The Strange Case of Mary Page", a thrilling serial of 14 chapters, will begin at the Pastime April 13th.

Arcade

Delightful orchestra music is rendered each night at the Arcade theatre. Mr. Rudolph Carlyle assists the Worths in rendition of the musical numbers. "The Closing Net" is the big feature there tomorrow. Today a well-balanced five-reel program is shown. Children free at matinee.

Fire which swept through Paris, Texas, for 6 hours Tuesday night destroyed 30 blocks. The property loss was estimated at \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

BUIE AND PHILADELPHUS NEWS

New Telephone Line Completed to Red Springs—Many Are Planning to Attend County Commencement—Entertainment Next Wednesday Night—Politics—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Buie, March 21—Mr. Geo. A. Ray, who has been confined to his room for the past few days with pneumonia, we are glad to report is much improved. Miss Fry, a trained nurse from Red Springs, has been with Mr. Ray.

Miss Kitty Jones of Lumberton spent the week-end with relatives in the Philadelphia community.

Mr. James Ray of Laurinburg spent Sunday with his brother Mr. J. P. Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Holt spent Sunday in Lumberton.

Mr. Mack McArthur returned home today from Halifax county, where he had been visiting.

Mr. I. T. Brown, who has been confined to his bed for the past few days, is very much improved.

Mr. R. J. Brown spent Saturday evening in Lumberton on business.

Miss R. D. Buie was a Lumberton visitor today.

The new telephone line, which we have spoken of several times in The Robesonian, is now completed to Red Springs, and is being used. The ones having phones on it are Messrs. William Tidy, Martin McCall, Mike Brown, D. P. Buie, J. B. Humphrey, J. L. McNeill, Charlie McNeill, W. H. M. Brown, A. C. McLeod, A. Britt and C. C. Baxley.

Messrs. J. M. Brown and Paisley McMillan are spending this evening in Fayetteville, going up to see Mr. Sandy McNeill who has been sick for some time.

Politics is springing up again in many places and no doubt many will throw their hats in the ring.

There is, we understand, to be an entertainment at Philadelphia Wednesday night week. Everybody come. Messrs. Carl B. and J. S. Brown and J. A. Townsend are spending today in Lumberton.

Talk of the county commencement up this way is still increasing and many are planning to go April 7th.

Mr. W. M. Pate is a Lumberton visitor today.

MOUNT TABOR HAPPENINGS

Students Practicing for the "Big Day". County Commencement, April 7—Social and Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mount Tabor (Red Springs, R. F. D.), March 21—Everybody has been busy and news has been scarce.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Prevatt and little daughter, Allie Maxine, of Rennett spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Austin Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baxley and son, and Miss Kate Johnson of the Saddle Tree vicinity visited near Buie Sunday afternoon.

Mr. W. J. Humphrey was a Lumberton caller Saturday.

Miss Estelle Heustess and little brothers Master Douglass and Gordon left for their home near McCall, S. C., Sunday after spending several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Humphrey. They were accompanied by Miss Belle McMillan of the Philadelphia section, who goes to spend a few days with them.

Several from around here expect to attend the picnic and concert at Rennett this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McNeill entertained a few of their friends at their home on last Thursday night from 8 till 11. Those who were fortunate enough to be there were Misses Lena MacNeill, Estelle Heustess, Lessie MacDonald and Mary Humphrey and Messrs. Arthur McNeill, Pope Humphrey, Martin and Roman Powell, Carey and Earl Johnson, Frank McNeill and Willie Humphrey. The guests departed at a late hour, after numerous games were played, declaring they had spent the most pleasant evening of the season.

Some of the young folks around here attended a dance last Friday night given at the home of Mr. Will Wellington near Saint Paul.

Miss Lena McNeill spent Friday in Lumberton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Tolar and little daughter Emmaline spent Sunday with home folks.

The students at Mount Tabor are practicing for the "big day" in Lumberton April 7th.

Mr. J. G. Humphrey spent Saturday in Red Springs.

Come to Lumberton APRIL 7TH. County Commencement

BRIEFS ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 11 3-8 cents the pound.

—Mr. Thos. Wilson and family have moved back to East Lumberton from St. Paul, where they lived three months.

—Yesterday was one of the windiest days this section has experienced in a long time. The wind carried with it a tremendous amount of dust.

—Mrs. R. M. N. Stephens and daughter, Mrs. A. M. Hartley, left this morning for Charlotte, where Mrs. Hartley will consult a specialist.

—Mr. W. H. Haney of East Lumberton left yesterday morning for Fayetteville, where he will enter a hospital and undergo an operation for appendicitis.

—His many friends hereabouts and elsewhere will be sorry to learn that Mr. W. S. Wishart has been advised by his physician that he has chronic appendicitis and may have to undergo an operation.

—Mr. A. Weinstein and daughter, Miss Miriam, returned this morning from New York, where they spent several days. While there Mr. Weinstein bought spring and summer goods for his department store.

—Yesterday being the windiest day so far of the windy month, some folks selected it as the best time to put out old papers and other light trash that would be sure to blow away and decorate the yards of neighbors.

—A 20-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Boone, who live about 5 miles from town on the Carthage road, underwent a serious operation Tuesday. The operation was performed by Drs. W. L. Grantham and R. S. Beam.

—Miss Sadie Ray Pope returned yesterday from a hospital in Fayetteville, where she recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. Miss Pope's mother, Mrs. H. T. Pope, went to Fayetteville yesterday morning and accompanied her home.

—The "Honeymoon Girls" gave pleasing performances at the Pastime theatre Monday and Tuesday nights. Two shows were given each night in addition to the usual picture service. Large crowds attended the shows and seemed well pleased with the offerings.

—Mr. Wesley Kirby of Pembroke was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. In paying his subscription for a year in advance Mr. Kirby said he wants The Robesonian to come out three times a week, instead of twice, and that he is willing to pay more for it in order to make its visits more frequent.

—Master Ennis, 13-year-old son of Prof. and Mrs. R. E. Sentelle, was painfully hurt Monday afternoon from a fall while skating on Chestnut street. While skating at a rapid speed the roller came off of one skate and threw the boy against the sidewalk. He struck on his head and was knocked unconscious. He remained delirious for several hours. He has almost recovered from the accident, however.

—Express Messenger Monroe, whose run is between Hamlet and Marion, S. C., was badly bruised about the head, arms and back yesterday afternoon on the Raleigh & Charlotte about 10 miles from Lumberton when the door of the express car was blown in by the wind, which was blowing a gale. Mr. Monroe was attended by Dr. W. A. McPhaul of Lumberton, Seaboard physician and was able to go on to Hamlet.

—Town politics are warming up. Somebody suggested a ticket for all town offices by way of printed slips that were scattered about town Tuesday and some whose names were thus presented to the public are said to have gotten hopping mad about it. Whoever was responsible for the ticket could have gotten a fight on his hands without any trouble by owning up. Whoever may be candidates, it seems certain that the men whose names were presented on these slips are not after town office.

—A number of citizens of the town have recently asked this reporter to say something through The Robesonian about folks letting their chickens run at large. "I have set out cabbage plants twice and still have none", is the pitiful tale of one man. It does really look hard to buy fertilizer and prepare your garden and buy your plants and then let your neighbor's chickens eat them up. In fact, you cannot be a good neighbor and let your chickens run at large.

—My glasses were fitted by Dr. Parker, the only specialist in Lumberton licensed by State Board Examination for this important work. HIS SERVICE SATISFIES

County Commencement IN LUMBERTON APRIL 7TH.