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RAID BY MEXICAN BANDITS

Little Settlement of Glenn Springs, Tex., Raided and American Cavalrymen Attacked—Three Troopers and Small Boy Killed—Two American Citizens Carried Across Rio Grande and Murdered

Alpine, Tex., Dispatch, May 7.

Villa bandits, some seventy in number, forced the Rio Grande Friday night, and, sweeping fifteen miles inland on American soil, raided the little settlement of Glenn Springs and attacked a detachment of American cavalry, consisting of nine men of troop A, the Fourteenth cavalry. Three troopers and a ten-year-old boy were killed, two cavalrymen were wounded and another is missing. He is believed to be a prisoner of the bandits who are now fleeing southward into Coahuila, Mexico. Two American citizens, J. Deemer, and a man named Compton, according to reports received here, were carried across the Rio Grande and reports have it that their throats were cut. A posse of 50 citizens of Marathon tonight are in pursuit of the Villistas.

The missing trooper is Private Roscoe Tyree. The little boy is the son of Compton. He was deaf and dumb and bandits are thought to have killed him because he could not answer their questions. The two wounded troopers, Privates J. Birek and Frank DeFree, were brought here this afternoon badly wounded. Birek's body was filled with small pieces of brass tacks fired from a shot gun. DeFree was burned about the head and shoulders.

A little adobe house, nine cavalrymen made their fight for life against the 70 or more Villista bandits at Glenn Springs. A hail of shot poured for more than two hours into the single window of the adobe house, but the cavalrymen kept up a steady rifle fire in defiant answer. Then the Mexican leader ordered fire balls to be thrown on the roof, thickly thatched with candalaria.

The blazing weed tortured the soldiers below and burnt their heads and bodies. Smashing the door the troops broke for the open. Two were killed as they fled. One is missing and it is believed he is dead. Another was killed as he tried to climb through a window.

DRY SPELLS AND CROPS

Not Much Cotton Up—Tobacco Growers Have Put Out Plants—Oat and Wheat Crop Cut Short—Relief Expected Last of This Week

While most all the farmers in this section have a good stand of corn up, and occasionally one has a good stand of cotton, the majority of them have but little cotton up owing to the continued dry weather. Many of the tobacco farmers have put out their plants and watered them by hand and so far most of the plants set are living and growing. Where crops are up they are looking well and growing. However, the oat and wheat crop has already been cut short by the drouth. Very good rains fell in the Maxton, Red Springs and Parkton sections Thursday night of last week and good seasons were reported. The government weather report calls for generally fair weather till the latter part of this week, when general rains throughout the south are predicted.

TWO NEGROES SHOT

One Negro May Die as Result of Row in North Fairmont Saturday Night—Cards and Women—Two Negroes Arrested

As a result of a general row in North Fairmont Saturday night, one negro, James McNeill, is seriously wounded and a negro boy, Wesley Powell, was shot through the shoulder. McNeill was shot three times in the back with a .32-calibre pistol and his chances for recovery are thought to be very slim. The boy is supposed to have been shot accidentally. Immediately after the shooting, which occurred about 11 o'clock, Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Deputy A. H. Prevatt went to the scene and arrested Arch Gardner and James Goodman, both colored, who it is alleged, did the shooting. The negroes are in jail here. Cards and women, so it is said.

Robbers Enter Store at Raynham

A store at Raynham, owned by Dr. C. T. Pats and Mr. C. M. Townsend and others, was broken into last night. The entrance was made by breaking a glass over the top of side door in the building, after which the door was opened from the inside. Several suits of clothes, underwear and six pairs of shoes were missed. Deputies A. H. Prevatt and Wm. Freeman went to the scene early this morning with the bloodhound owned by the county and a trail was followed by the dog for a half mile and lost. No arrests have been made.

Records for duration and distance with six passengers were established by Pilot E. T. McCauley Thursday flying from Newport News, Va., the Curtiss hydroaeroplane, the largest in the world. A total distance of 170 miles was covered in 2 hours, 33 minutes. It was the first flight of its kind ever attempted in America. Until then the world's record for duration and distance with six passengers was held by a French aviator.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

Dr. E. W. Sikes Will Speak—Chorus of Young Girls

The Veterans of Robeson county will gather here Wednesday of this week—May 10—to celebrate Memorial Day. A special program has been arranged for the occasion and dinner will be served the veterans by the local Daughters of the Confederacy. The meeting will open at 10 o'clock a. m. The principal feature of the occasion will be an address by Dr. E. W. Sikes, of the faculty of Wake Forest College. Dr. Sikes is a noted speaker and should be given a large audience of representative citizens from various parts of the county. Immediately before and after the address by Dr. Sikes a chorus of young ladies of the graded and high school, led by Miss Mildred McIntyre, will sing.

The old soldiers, who did so much for the South, are getting few in number and all honor possible should be bestowed upon the remaining few while they are here.

BREAK WITH GERMANY AVERTED

German Reply Seems to Meet Demands of Wilson to Extend That Breaking of Diplomatic Relations Will Not be Necessary at Present—Should Another Ship Carrying Americans be Sunk by German Sub. U. S. Would Break Diplomatic Relations at Once

Germany's reply to the American note respecting submarine warfare, delivered on Thursday to Ambassador Gerard, was published in morning newspapers Saturday. In the opinion of conservative editorial observers it meets the demands of the United States and averts, for the present at least, any break with Germany. A conference was held at the White House last night by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing and it is understood that the course to be pursued by the United States will be known today or tomorrow. The Administration, it is said, may send a brief note to Germany, but should another ship carrying Americans be sunk by a German submarine the United States would sever relations without further exchange.

After making many wry grimaces, lecturing the United States and Blanton England, the German note gets down to the matter at issue along the close in the following words: "As far as lies with the German Government, it wishes to prevent things from taking such a course (that the submarine question between Germany and the United States should take such a turn as seriously to threaten maintenance of peace between the two nations). The German Government, moreover, is prepared to do its utmost to confine operations of the war for the rest of its duration to the fighting forces of the belligerents, thereby also insuring freedom of the seas, a principle upon which the German Government believes, now as before, that it is in agreement with the Government of the United States.

"The German Government, guided by this idea, notifies the Government of the United States that German naval forces have received the following order: In accordance with the general principles of visit and search and the destruction of the merchant vessels recognized by international law such vessels, both within and without the area declared a naval war zone, shall not be sunk without warning and without saving human lives unless the ship attempt to escape or offer resistance."

Representative Godwin Declines Invitation to Debate

Maj. Jos. W. Little of New Hanover, candidate for Congress, when Representative Godwin was in Wilmington last week challenged him to a joint debate at the court house in Wilmington Tuesday evening of this week. In his challenge Mr. Little said that Mr. Godwin had been claiming every county in the district and that if he refused to meet him in debate he would take it as admission that he would concede New Hanover to Little. Mr. Godwin, in an interview published in this morning's Wilmington Star, declines to accept the invitation. He says that when he left Washington he made out his itinerary and had every moment of his time engaged ahead till he should return to Harnett county Saturday of this week and leave for Washington next Saturday night, and that if he should remain over in Wilmington to have a debate with Mr. Little it would disarrange his plans and he would disappoint some of his friends. As to the reference to New Hanover, Mr. Godwin stated that he was willing to leave that to his friends.

The Star says that 7 solid refrigerator carloads of lettuce was shipped out of the Wilmington territory Friday night. Prices are good and it is believed that the season will be much more profitable for growers than was at first thought, despite short crop resulting from dry weather and late frosts.

Attorney Jas. M. Sullivan of New York, formerly American Minister to Santo Domingo, has been arrested in Dublin on the charge of complicity in the Irish rebellion. Mr. Sullivan's career as Minister to the Dominican republic was brief and when he was forced to resign under charges of indiscretions he went to Ireland on a vacation, he said.

AMONG TRANSGRESSORS

Tom Hayes Gets 4 Years On Roads for Beating Wife and Carrying Concealed Weapon—His Wife Tells a Horrible Tale

Tom Hayes, a middle-aged white man who lives about five miles west of town, was sentenced by Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday afternoon to two years on the public roads for whipping his wife and two years to begin at the expiration of the first sentence for carrying concealed weapons. Hayes and Jim Gaddy, a black negro, had been in jail since Monday. The woman told some of her neighbors a revolting story of intimate relations between her and the negro on a threat of violence from her husband. The woman told Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Solicitor R. A. McLean the same story and declared that she had had intimate relations with another negro at the solicitation and threats of her husband. At the time she was telling the officers the story she declared that she would not tell it in the presence of her husband, and when placed upon the witness stand she said what she had told the officers was not true. She did tell on the stand, however, of how she had had relations with white men and collected money, her husband knowing what was going on.

The story related by the woman to the officers was one of the blackest that could be imagined and had it not been, as the recorder stated, that the people of this section are too much civilized, there might have been a lynching. The woman seemed to have great fear of her husband. A crowd that almost filled the courtroom gathered to hear the trial, but as the woman refused to talk when first placed upon the stand the recorder requested that all except the court officers leave the room.

The negro was released. It was brought out that Hayes had served a road sentence in South Carolina.

TOWN FIGHT AT MAXTON

Hatchet Failed to Stay Buried—Those Who Claim They Were Nominated Bring Suit Against Poll Holders

It was announced last Monday that the two political factions at Maxton had buried the hatchet and come to a compromise by nominating Mr. J. P. Stancil as mayor and Messrs. J. S. McCrae, Jno. Medlin, J. W. Carter and Dr. D. W. Harris as town commissioners. The officers were divided up from the two factions. However, the hatchet failed to stay buried and Messrs. J. P. Stancil, W. Carter, C. H. Witlock and Dr. W. Harris have started a suit against Messrs. T. M. Parsons, A. M. McNeill, J. O. McLellan, W. H. Hasty, B. F. McLean, A. J. Cottingham, and Don McQueen, who refused to seat the plaintiffs, who claim they were duly nominated. The law firms of Messrs. McLean, Varsar & McLean, and McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor, of Lumberton represent the plaintiffs. It is expected that a hearing will take place here next week.

CHIEF McLEOD CLEANING UP

Four Colored Women of Unsavory Reputation Leave Town Rather Than Serve Jail Sentence

Mamie Martin, Nan Hagins, Ella Mitchell and Charity McCall, all women in black, were before Recorder E. M. Britt Friday afternoon charged with vagrancy. Each of the four women drew a sentence of her own of four months in the county jail, capias to be issued Saturday morning if she was found in town or at any other time within 12 months if caught in town. They all vomosed. They were arrested Thursday night by Chief of Police Alf. H. McLeod and Deputy A. H. Prevatt and placed in jail, where they remained till the trial was called. The evidence was that the women had been conducting a bawdy house in "the bottom". Chief McLeod says he is going to do some cleaning up about "the bottom". He is also changing the appearance of things about the union station by keeping the negroes back to some extent.

THE FINAL SUMMONS

Mr. J. E. Alford of Rowland Passes Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rowland, May 6.—Wednesday night, May 3rd, at 10 o'clock, the spirit of Mr. J. E. Alford took its flight to be with his Master whom he had so faithfully followed since early childhood when he joined Simpson Presbyterian and was a regular attendant at all the services until about eight months previous to his death, when he became confined to his home from sickness. Mr. Alford was one of the oldest citizens of our community, being in his 79th year. He was a good neighbor, always ready to lend a helping hand to every thing that was for the uplift or betterment of any one of his neighbors or any one else in need. He was a member of Camp Rowland, U. C. V., at Rowland.

—The condition of W. H. Hefner, the young man who was seriously cut on the neck by Jesse Parker at the National cotton mill last Wednesday, is considered as favorable as could be expected. An account of the affair was published in Thursday's Robesonian.

FAIRMONT SCHOOL FINALS

Commencement Friday at Close of One of Best Terms—Address by H. E. Stacy—Three Evening Entertainments—Teachers Re-elected

Splendid commencement exercises Friday marked the close of one of the very best schoolastic years in the history of the Fairmont high school. A large crowd witnessed the exercises, which consisted of music, a declamation contest and an address by Mr. H. E. Stacy of the Lumberton bar.

The exercises opened at 10:45 o'clock a. m. with prayer offered by Rev. J. R. Miller. A beautiful chorus was then rendered by the high school grades. Next came the declaimers' contest, in which eight young ladies—Misses Kate Ratley, Fannie Inman, Bertha Jenkins, Annie Lee McDaniel, Ross Jones, Pearl Andrews, Clatus Thompson, and Mattie Bellock—took part. The recitations were all good and showed that each contestant had been well trained for the occasion. The judges of the contest were Prof. J. R. Poole and F. Grover Britt of Lumberton and Mrs. O. I. Floyd of Fairmont. Their decision was that Miss Kate Ratley had won the prize—a beautiful gold medal.

After this contest was over Mr. H. E. Stacy was introduced by Prof. A. F. Pugh, principal of the school.

Mr. Stacy took as his subject "Robeson County and Her Needs", and made a brilliant address, showing that the supreme need for a greater and better county in every respect was a better educated citizenship. The speaker reviewed the history of the county from 17 years ago, when there was not a bank in the county, not a special school district or a manufacturing enterprise. The speaker then proved that today Robeson has more banks and more special school districts than any county in the State. As a reason for this great advancement the speaker declared that it was the result of the fact that the people of Robeson county had aroused themselves to the need of an educated citizenship. "There is no wealth except in the human mind", the speaker declared. Every child in North Carolina has a claim both on the State and its parents for an education, he continued. In closing his address the speaker showed in glowing terms the service education has rendered and will continue to render in developing great leaders.

There is no better platform speaker in Robeson county than Mr. Stacy. He has more calls, perhaps, than any man in the State, not noiding public office, to deliver addresses on occasions like this. One man remarked after his address Friday, "He is a natural born orator". The people of Fairmont were fortunate in securing Mr. Stacy to deliver their commencement address. It was plain, practical and inspiring.

While no public dinner was spread, all present were invited to the various hospitable homes in Fairmont for dinner. This reporter was entertained in the attractive and hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. O. I. Floyd, and can say that he was never more royally entertained.

Besides the splendid exercises Friday, the school gave three night entertainments. Wednesday night the primary grades gave a splendid entertainment. Thursday night an operetta, "A Day of Flowerdom", was presented in a most pleasing manner. Friday night a play, "The Sweetest Girl in Dixie", was given. Large crowds attended all these entertainments and were well entertained.

The teachers in the school just closed were: Prof. A. F. Pugh, principal; Miss Christine Floyd, 6th and 7th grades; Miss Nell Butler, 4th and 5th grades; Miss Agnes Ashley, 2nd and 3rd grades; Miss Mayme Holloway, first grade; Miss Ellis Flowers, musical instructor. As a token of their appreciation for the good work done by each of the teachers, the trustees—Messrs. E. V. McDaniel, A. S. Thompson and Geo. H. Cole—elected each of them for another term.

The good people who make up the citizenship of Fairmont and community are wide awake to the importance of education and take pride in supporting their school.

Friday afternoon an interesting game of baseball was played between the Fairmont and Parkton teams. The score was 13 and 7 in favor of Fairmont. The Fairmont team has not lost a single game this season.

Among those who attended the commencement from Lumberton Friday were Messrs. Frank Gough, H. E. Stacy, J. H. McCallum, F. Grover Britt, H. J. Singleton, M. W. Floyd and Prof. J. R. Poole. Messrs. T. J. Rowan, H. T. Hux, W. J. Sansbury and W. B. Beasley attended the Friday night exercises.

MEMORIAL DAY

Address by Dr. Sikes—Public Invited Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Dr. E. W. Sykes of Wake Forest will deliver the memorial address May 10th.

The Veterans and wives, also Daughters of the Confederacy are urged to be present.

The public is cordially invited. Each member of Robeson Chapter is requested to send three ivy wreaths to the court house Memorial Day.

COUNTY SCHOOL MATTERS

Two Petitions For Special School Tax Elections Approved—Other Business Transacted at Meeting of County Board of Education

The county board of education was in regular session Monday for the transaction of routine business. All the members of the board—Messrs. Lucius McCrae (chairman), T. L. Johnson, C. T. Pate—were present.

Two petitions for special school tax elections were approved, one signed by one-fourth the landowners in district No. 6, White House township, to vote on a special tax of not more than 30 cents on the \$100 worth of property and 90 cents on the poll, and one signed by the required number of landowners in district No. 1, Shannon township, formerly district No. 5, Lumber Bridge township, to vote on a tax of not more than 10 cents on the \$100 worth of property and 30 cents on the poll. At the meeting of the county commissioners held on the same day these elections were ordered to be held on June 2. Boundaries of both these districts were given in the proceeds of the meeting of the county commissioners published in Thursday's Robesonian.

Supt. J. R. Poole was appointed as a committee to investigate the signatures on two vouchers made to D. F. Turner and also investigate the length of term taught by this teacher while employed. After such investigations are made, and superintendent finds a hearing of the matter necessary, he is instructed to notify all parties interested to be on hand at the next meeting of the board.

A joint meeting of the board of education and the trustees of the Philadelphus Farm-Life school was ordered called for the first Monday in June, and the superintendent was instructed to notify the chairman and secretary of the board of trustees of the Farm-Life school of this order.

Messrs. Lucius McCrae and L. R. Stephens were appointed a committee to check books and vouchers of the county treasurer.

Salaries of teachers for the last month of Rex school were ordered paid, same to be carried as an overdraw on the district accounts.

A committee composed of Messrs. T. L. Johnson and J. R. Poole was appointed to investigate the statistical report of the teacher for district No. 1, colored, Wishart's township.

Rebate was granted Mrs. Wesley Thompson, on account of error in list-taker, of \$6.41 and same charged to district No. 6, Thompson township.

Supt. Poole was appointed a committee to investigate the proposition made by Mr. D. A. Jones, and report at the next meeting of the board. His proposition is to furnish a school site and building in exchange for the school building at Red Hill, his building being nearer the center of the district and the same size and grade of material to be used as the present building. No deeds to be exchanged until the building is completed and accepted by the board of education.

The following bills were ordered paid: Freeman Ptg. Co., \$13, for diplomas and stationery; The Robesonian, \$37.75, for printing; J. P. Newman Co., \$14, for merchandise, county commencement.

A joint institute for the colored teachers of Robeson county was ordered held in Fayetteville beginning Monday, August 14th.

COMMENT OF 3 GREAT PAPERS ON GERMAN NOTE

Baltimore Sun Thinks It Averts Immediate Trouble

Three great papers, two in New York and one in Baltimore, contain the following editorial comment on the German note:

New York Herald—There are two things that he (President Wilson) can do. One is to sever diplomatic relations with Germany immediately. The tone of the note in itself would be justification for that. On the other hand, he can sit down and wait. x x x The break seems bound to come in the very nature of things. It would perhaps be better to have it come now.

New York Sun—The tone (of the note) is manifestly intended for Berlin; the substances for Washington. The Administration may well concentrate its attention upon the essential fact and that fact is that an immeasurable and apparently imminent calamity has by Germany's act been averted without obliteration of a single bright band in the spectrum of this Republic's honor.

Baltimore Sun—Knowing the difficulties with which the German Government is contending, we can well afford to overlook what in other circumstances would be presumption of impudence. The note leaves this country in more or less suspense. But it does, apparently, avert immediate trouble. For this we may be thankful.

Mr. James B. Duke and associates have taken hold of things industrial in the Charlotte territory and have pinned their faith to that section. "One cotton mill unit a year" is said to be their plan and purpose, by "unit" meaning a cotton mill with village and all that goes to make up a complete plant. They propose to back financially one cotton mill a year until all that section along the line of the interurban is dotted with mills.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—All the banks in town will be closed Wednesday, Memorial Day.

—Middling cotton is selling on the local market toay for 12 cents the pound; strict middling 12 1-4 cents.

—Special meeting St. Alban's Lodge No. 114 tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Work in third degree.

—Mr. T. W. Thompson of Parkton was a Lumberton visitor Friday. Mr. Thompson reported a good rain in his section Thursday afternoon and night.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Manley Davis and Kate Lewis; Edgar Allen to Mella Faircloth; Chas. E. Hiatt and Pearl Gibson Council.

—Mr. and Mrs. Swain Britt of route 1 from Orrum were among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Britt brought in a load of home-raised meat for sale.

—There will be a meeting of the mayor and town commissioners Thursday night of this week, when the officers will organize and make various appointments.

—A two-weeks' term of Superior Court for the trial of civil cases will convene next Monday with Judge F. A. Daniels of Goldsboro presiding. The calendar will be published in Thursday's Robesonian.

—Mr. Geo. A. Barnes was showing in town Saturday shop-made nails taken out of a house built in 1800 in the Burnt Islands and torn down recently. These nails may be bent double now without breaking.

—Judges from the number of fishing poles being sold in town the farmers and other folks as well as expecting to do some fishing in the near future. Perhaps never has the sale of fishing poles been greater here than it has been for the last week.

—Mr. J. M. Sessoms received a letter Friday advising him that his brother Mr. R. C. Sessoms, who lives near St. Pauls, lost his home with all the contents one night last week. The family even lost their clothes. Nothing was said in the letter about how the fire originated.

—In a hotly contested baseball game on the local diamond Friday afternoon between Laurinburg and Lumberton, the Laurinburg team won over the local team by one score. Sixteen innings were played and the score was 5 and 5 at the close of the fifteenth inning. In the sixteenth the Laurinburg team scored, breaking the tie.

—Mr. P. McI. McKenzie returned Friday from Jackson Springs, where he spent three weeks. His health is much improved. Mr. McKenzie has for several years been a popular salesman in the department store of Messrs. White and Gough and has many friends who will be pleased to learn of his return. He began work Saturday.

—Messrs. Stephens & Barnes have bought the stock of the Lumberton Music Store, which was recently opened up in the McLeod building by Messrs. G. Badger McLeod and F. L. Nash. The stock, which consisted of graphophones, records and sheet music, has been moved to the store of Messrs. Stephens & Barnes, Chestnut street, and will be supplemented.

—After refusing to be opened for two weeks, a small time-lock safe in the vault at the First National Bank was opened up Friday. There were several thousand dollars in the safe at the time it refused to be opened and of course it was safe till the entrance was made. This did not, however, inconvenience the bank as sufficient funds for the regular transaction of business was otherwise available.

—Last evening just before the 6:19 Seaboard train from Wilmington arrived here the bridge across Lumber river, just west of the union station, was discovered burning by Mr. William Bullard. Mr. Bullard tried to put out the fire, but failed and reported the fire at the ticket office. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed that it started from a cigarette thrown carelessly down. Not much damage was done.

—A citizen of the town of Robesonian to have something to say about some folks who visit Meadow-Brook cemetery, and strip the flower bushes of flowers, trampling upon the bushes and graves. The gentleman thinks it is the same crowd doing this work and says most of it is done on Sundays. It seems that the cemetery would be a poor place to pick flowers. The flowers there are intended for the dead.

—While Mr. M. Beverly, Seaboard agent here, has not received any official announcement to that effect, it is understood that the Seaboard will put on a special Sunday train about June 25 and continue to operate same through the summer. The train will leave Hamlet early in the morning and go through to Wilmington and returning will leave Wilmington late in the afternoon. The train will be put on in order to give folks who wish to do so the opportunity of spending Sundays at Wrightsville Beach.

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