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CARRANZA RELEASES AMERICAN PRISONERS

IMMEDIATE BREAK AVERTED

American Demand for Release of 23 Prisoners Captured at Carrizal Complied With—Whether War Has Been Prevented or Merely Postponed it is Not Possible Yet to Say—News of Release of Prisoners Brings Relief to Officials at Washington

Washington Dispatch, June 28. An immediate break between the United States and Mexico has been averted by compliance with the American demand for the release of 23 prisoners captured in the fight at Carrizal. Whether war has been prevented or merely postponed no one here would attempt to say tonight.

Official information as to the attitude of General Carranza was lacking. Until his response to Secretary Lansing's note, dispatched Sunday, making two peremptory and distinct demands, is received, there will be no decision on whether President Wilson shall lay the crisis before Congress.

News of the release of the prisoners received early tonight in press dispatches brought undisguised relief to high officials. It was accepted as correct and assured that Carranza, impressed with the urgency of the situation, had ordered that the cavalrymen be started for the border without waiting for his reply to reach Washington.

While it generally is conceded that this move lessens tension and makes the crisis less imminent, no one conversant with the grave problem lost sight of the fact that the all-important question is Carranza's attitude toward the American expedition across the border to protect the territory and citizens of the United States from bandit outrages. If the de facto government stands upon the order to General Trevino to attack Pershing's men when they move otherwise than toward the border, the situation actually is just what it was before, except that there now is a possibility of diplomatic negotiation that did not exist while the Americans were held prisoner at Chihuahua.

The preparations of the United States for war will go steadily forward. There will be no interruption of the rush of the National Guardsmen to the border and General Funston will continue disposing of his forces as though he expected an immediate attack.

Carranza's compliance with one of the demands is accepted by the more optimistic officials here as an indication that he is striving to prevent a break. Even though he should again attempt to throw all blame upon his right to forcibly oppose any except northward movements of American troops, it is thought possible that he will state his position in such a way as to make further discussion necessary.

During the negotiations, however, the United States will insist upon freedom of movement of the troops in Mexico and any attempt to interfere with them will be met by such force as is necessary.

The possibility of Latin-American offers of mediation in the crisis again was widely discussed. Ignacio Calderon, minister from Bolivia, will make a second call upon Secretary Lansing tomorrow to ascertain whether a tender of good offices by the South and Central American republics would be entertained at this time.

It is known that powerful influences have been brought to bear on Carranza in the past few days to make him turn over the American prisoners. Prominent Mexicans in the United States as well as American bankers and business interests have flooded the first chief with messages. They all sent him the same warning that to hold the prisoners would mean war.

MOBILIZATION COMPLETE

All Units Called in Southern States Are in Camp—About 20,000 Soldiers in Camp and Several Thousand of These Are Ready to Go to the Border

New York Dispatch, June 28. Mobilization of the National Guard of the Southern States called out for Mexican service virtually was complete tonight, according to information at headquarters, Department of the East, United States Army, here. All the units called in Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana were in camp, while the last of the Georgia troops were expected at Macon tomorrow and of the North Carolina troops at Morehead City Saturday.

Approximately 20,000 soldiers, including infantry, cavalry, field artillery and signal and hospital corps, were under canvas at the nine State camps and several thousand of these were about ready to move to the border, part of the Virginia and Florida troops being expected to get away within a day or two. Plans were for all the others to move as soon as they were ready and troop trains were being assembled at several of the camps.

Recruiting stations have been opened in all of the States and the work of filling in the various units to war strength was progressing rapidly. In several States the Governors have issued calls for volunteers and recruits are being moved to the mobilization camps almost daily.

Mr. Scott Stone of McDonald was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

ENTHUSIASTIC GODWIN RALLY

Supporters of Hon. H. L. Godwin From Various Parts of County Have a Good Time at Meeting at Court House—Prof. R. E. Sentelle and Mayor A. E. White Told the Crowd Why Mr. Godwin Should Receive the Nomination and the Character of the Fight Against Him—Others Also Spoke—Godwin's Nomination by Large Majority Predicted

A large crowd of people representing practically every section of Robeson county attended one of the enthusiastic political meetings of the "season" in the court house here Tuesday night. The meeting was called by supporters of Hon. H. L. Godwin and his opponents were invited to take part in the meeting. However, none of Mr. Godwin's opponents made any remarks. Strong speeches endorsing Mr. Godwin were made by citizens from various parts of the county.

Prof. R. E. Sentelle acted as chairman of the meeting and after he called the meeting to order asked if there was anybody present who wanted to have anything to say in Mr. Brown's behalf. There was no response and Mr. Sentelle then called Mr. W. P. Barker to the chair and took the floor himself. Prof. Sentelle took up the charges that are being made by Mr. Godwin's opponents and proved that many of them are false. As to the charge that Mr. Godwin is not known by President Wilson, Prof. Sentelle said that he himself less than a week before saw Mr. Godwin and the President talking as if they were mighty well acquainted. He said that he was reliably informed while in Washington that President Wilson had had many private conversations with Mr. Godwin on important matters. As to the charge that Mr. Godwin missed 30 roll calls out of 67, Mr. Sentelle said that the record showed that Mr. Godwin missed 30 out of 457, 28 of these being unimportant, one of the number Mr. Godwin was sick, another he was attending the funeral of his mother. Prof. Sentelle declared that it is impossible for any Congressman to be present at all the roll calls during a session of Congress. Often they are out on committees, etc.

Prof. Sentelle said that it had been charged that the civil service committee, of which Mr. Godwin is chairman, had not met in 5 years. He showed reports of three meetings of that committee held during the last few months. He also told of how the leaders in Washington talked of Godwin as one of the rising Congressmen and said they declared that Mr. Godwin was doing as much for his district as any man could do.

The next speaker was Mayor A. E. White, who declared in beginning his speech that the charges that had been brought against Mr. Godwin had fallen to the ground. Speaking of the charge made by Mr. Brown and his supporters that Mr. Godwin had missed 30 roll calls, he said he only asked that his hearers listen to the record, which he read, showing that when Mr. Brown was in the State Senate he missed 241 roll calls and Mr. McIntyre, who was representing Robeson in the State Senate at the same time missed 84. Out of all the number missed, only twice were these gentlemen excused. He said he was not criticizing these men who made good representatives, but merely showing how absurd it is to bring this charge against Godwin. Mr. White told of how Mr. Godwin voted and worked for the rural credits bill, and many other bills that meant something to the farming classes. He declared that the politicians had always tried to rotate the job of representing this district in Congress.

Mr. White told of how it is being claimed that Mr. Godwin had been playing politics with the Indians of Robeson county. He said these same folks would go to the Indians and tell them that Godwin had been asleep at the switch and failed to secure the \$50,000 for the purpose of establishing a school for them, and that these same politicians would go back and tell the white people that Godwin had done more for the Indians than he had done for them. Mr. White said that he regarded Mr. Brown as a gentleman in every respect, but that the plea of some that he was a farmer would not hold good, that he was just about as much of a farmer as he (Mr. White) is. He owns farming lands and operates a big store. Too, if he is a farmer, why did he not get some good Robeson county farmers to manage his campaign and not leave it in the hands of two of Lumberton's leading lawyers? In regard to the charge that Mr. Godwin was responsible for the Federal Court not being established here or at Fayetteville, Mr. White said it was the lawyers of Lumberton and other places that were responsible, and not Mr. Godwin.

Others who had something to say were Judge D. P. McEachern and Dr. B. F. McMillan of Red Springs, Mr. John Atkinson of Proctorville, Capt. W. K. Brock of St. Paul, Mr. Austin Smith of the Philadelphia section. Messrs. W. K. Bethune and G. B. McLeod.

Mr. Atkinson said that during the good roads convention at Wrightsville Beach last week he came in contact with men from every county in the district and that from what he gathered from them he is satisfied that Mr. Godwin will carry every county in the district in the primary July 1.

Mr. McLeod declared that Messrs. Stephen McIntyre and G. B. Patterson, men

ENTHUSIASTIC BROWN RALLY

Another Live Political Meeting Last Night. This in Interest of Candidate J. A. Brown—Mr. Brown Presented His Cause Well—Others Made Remarks

For the second time this week last night the people of Lumberton had the opportunity of attending a live political meeting. A large crowd gathered in the court house for the purpose of hearing Mr. J. A. Brown of Columbus, candidate for Congress, speak.

In the absence of Mr. R. D. Caldwell, president of the local Brown club, Mr. K. M. Barnes acted as chairman. After calling the meeting to order, Mr. Barnes made some remarks commending Mr. Brown. Mr. H. E. Stacy, Mr. Brown's campaign manager in Robeson, introduced the speaker in a most fitting manner. Mr. Stacy said that Mr. Brown had ever stood by Robeson and that Robeson should stand by him. He told of how in 1898 Mr. Brown helped to bring the Democratic party into power in Robeson county. In closing his remarks Mr. Stacy referred to Mr. Brown as the next Congressman from the Sixth district.

Hearty applause greeted Mr. Brown as he rose to speak. In beginning his address he said that he had not come to make any charges against his opponent; that if he knew anything against him he would not tell it. He declared that the time had come when suffrage should be given serious consideration. Conditions are not the same. In speaking of the charge that he missed 241 roll calls while he was representing his county in the State senate, he said that he had never run from any bill and that the roll calls he missed were not calls of any importance to North Carolina at large.

Mr. Brown declared that if he is sent to Congress he will stand by the people. He told of how one man had offered to carry two townships in one of the counties in the district for \$1,000 and how he had refused to buy his way in. Another, he said, had offered to secure 30 of Mr. Godwin's votes for him if he would furnish \$30 \$1 bills.

"If after I have been in Congress two years I have to send to Missouri to prove my record, kick me out," said Mr. Brown.

The ballot is the most sacred right of an American citizen and should be so regarded, declared the speaker.

Before the first primary Mr. Godwin sent out the news that he would beat all four of his opponents. This he failed to do. Every man who voted for Little, Young, Nimocks or myself were anti-Godwinites.

Mr. Brown declared that he believed he would be nominated at the primary Saturday. In the first primary he said that he had no organization, but now Joe Brown clubs are scattered throughout the district. He said that if Robeson gave him a majority he was sure of winning.

In reply to the charges that have been made about the telegram he sent out, which is charged caused an independent man in Columbus to beat a Democratic nominee in the last election, Mr. Brown said that he sent the telegrams in order to cause the election of the independent instead of a Republican.

After Mr. Brown was through Mr. Jno. S. Butler of St. Paul was called to the floor. Mr. Butler said that both men in the race were good men and that the vote at St. Paul would divide the honor between the two. Others to speak in high terms of Mr. Brown were Messrs. J. P. Russell, J. E. Carlyle of Raft Swamp and Fred Brown of Red Springs.

Mr. W. K. Bethune, Mr. Godwin's campaign manager in Robeson, was called on. He spoke highly of Mr. Brown, declared he was the "noblest Roman of them all," and that he was like William Jennings Bryan in that he was a good runner but a poor winner. At this point the crowd howled and hissed Bethune down and he did not get a chance to go on with his remarks, though Chairman Barnes did his best to restore order.

The East Lumberton band furnished music for the occasion and all present seemed to enjoy the occasion. Mr. Brown speaks at Red Springs this afternoon at 4 o'clock and at St. Paul this evening at 8:30.

Residence Struck by Lightning

Mr. John W. Branch, who lives near Mt. Eliam, is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Branch says that during an electrical storm yesterday afternoon lightning struck his residence and tore down a chimney. The lightning also tore off some few pieces of weather boarding. A clock which was setting on a mantle was torn to pieces. One of Mr. Branch's children was slightly shocked. Mr. Branch says a heavy rain fell in that section Tuesday afternoon and also yesterday afternoon.

who are fighting Mr. Godwin so hard now, are two of the men who robbed Mr. Godwin of the nomination against the wishes of the people at the Wrightsville convention six years ago.

Continuous applause pealed forth as the various speakers told of why Mr. Godwin should be returned to Congress.

Music was furnished for the occasion by the East Lumberton band and as a whole it was one of the most enthusiastic political meetings that has been pulled off in Lumberton in many months.

Mr. E. McQ. Rowan of Lumberton, R. 3, was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

RED SPRINGS NEWS LETTER

Nothing is Gained in a Political Fight by Impugning Motives—Fine Crops on Farms of J. A. McPhaul—Lumber Bridge Light Infantry Boys Entertained at Luncheon—Miss Townsend Appointed Sponsor—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, June 28.—We were glad to meet in Lumberton a few days ago that Prince of Clever Fellows George B. McLeod, who has been and always will be a prominent figure in Robeson county, and who is today advertising his county throughout the United States, allowing her to share with him the honor that has come to er through his appointment. That McLeod has made and is making good all who know him admit, and concede that he is the man for the place. We asked Mr. McLeod if it was true that his mission here was a political one and that he was still drawing his salary while away from Washington. "No," said Mr. McLeod, "when I left Washington my salary ceased till I return. I am at home to attend to some personal matters but shall return again for the second primary." It occurs to us that the fact that McLeod holds a government position should not disfranchise him—and if he should support Mr. Godwin actively this should be and is his privilege. While we are not fighting for either Godwin or Brown, yet we don't believe anything is gained by impugning the motives of any citizen be he a Brown or Godwinite.

Another thing we do know is that A. W. McLean, can neither be bought, swapped or sold, and he has never been afraid to let the world know where he stood on any issue, so that issue political or moral, and his friends are always loyal to him and to them; and he would not resort to any unfair method to carry his point or elect his man. We think as an observer that nothing is gained by trying to make it appear that A. W. McLean has any personal axe to grind. He is too big a man to sell his hands with local politics.

In our travels to and fro the best crops we've seen are on the farms of J. A. McPhaul. Mr. McPhaul has about two hundred acres of cotton that can't be duplicated in any section we've seen, and his corn is also above the average. This year he also has several acres in watermelons which he is raising for market and judging from their looks, if there be any demand for melons McPhaul will find his experiment profitable. He also raises his own flour and is proving to his neighbors that farming is a pleasant and profitable business. Mr. McPhaul is one of the most progressive men in this entire section. He has been since its creation a member of board of commissioners of Hoke county, being her present chairman. Beginning life as a small farmer with a limited income, each year has seen his efforts crowned with success. Mr. McPhaul is a great believer in education, is chairman of board of trustees of Antioch high school. Two of his children having finished their collegiate education, another is pursuing her course in college now. John A. McPhaul is one of the noblest of all of those who were once Robeson's "God-blessed Macks".

Near by him you find his brother and business partner, M. H. McPhaul, who, like his brother is both a progressive and aggressive man whose farming is also up-to-date. J. A. and M. H. McPhaul stand as synonymous of progress in their respective communities.

Red Springs entertained the members of the Lumber Bridge Light Infantry at a luncheon given on the campus, in front of hotel. The boys arrived Monday evening at 6 on a special car and were immediately escorted to the hotel. Preceding them were the members of Camp Ryan. After reaching the hotel five-minute speeches were made by Maj. G. H. Hall, Col. A. P. Spell, Rev. H. M. Dixon, at the conclusion of which dinner was served them on the grounds. Red Springs feels a peculiar interest in these boys as twelve of her sons are found within her ranks, obeying their country's call, have gone forward to fight for her rights.

Miss Hannah Townsend has been appointed sponsor for the N. C. Confederate veteran's reunion at Wrightsville and has appointed as her maid of honor Miss Alyce Hall, daughter of Maj. G. H. Hall. This is an honor worthily bestowed. Miss Townsend is a granddaughter of the late Col. Hamilton McMillan, now of blessed memory.

Mrs. Ida Currie and daughters, Misses Flora Belle and Hallie, spent the week-end with relatives at Antioch.

Red Springs will send a large delegation to Lumberton Wednesday night to the Brown meeting. This is one of "The Columbus man's" strongholds and his friends are leaving no stones unturned, neither allowing any grass to grow under their feet, to secure his nomination next Saturday.

Next to the war in Mexico interest is now centered on the war with "general green". The almost daily rains make it impossible for the farmers to plough and they can only stand helpless and watch the invading army. Cotton and corn are considerably damaged.

—Mr. M. M. Rozier has let the contract to Contractor J. I. Newberry for a 5-room cottage to be built on Mr. Rozier's lot, Second and Pine streets.

BUIE AND PHILADELPHUS NEWS

Cotton Crop Late and Not Over Half Crop Expected—Auto Owners On Increase—New Residence, the 4th at Buie This Year—Those Who Have Stuck to it Have Crops in Good Shape—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Buie, June 28.—Messrs. C. C. Baxley, Walter McMillan and G. A. Ray spent Friday in the Rowland section.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown and Earl B. Brown spent Sunday near Hamer, S. C.

We have had lots of rain through here the past few weeks and it continues to come.

Messrs. Paisley McMillan, J. M. McCallum and John M. Brown spent Monday evening at the home of Mr. Hector McMillan near Laurinburg. Mr. McMillan has been sick for some time. We are glad to report he is somewhat better.

Messrs. J. B. Humphrey, W. A. Smith and R. J. Brown were Lumberton visitors Wednesday.

The cotton crop through this section, on an average, is from 20 to 30 days late and then will not come up to the standard of cotton made last year. Throughout the county we notice it the same way. In spots here and there in different sections it is fairly good, while the larger part is far below the average. Mr. Paisley McMillan in making his report to the government says he cannot see where there will be hardly half a crop made.

Buie seems to be getting very prosperous in the way of Ford automobiles. Six months ago there was not one in the place, and now there are 4 in town and two not more than a mile away. Messrs. J. A. Stanton and C. C. Baxley are the latest purchasers.

Mr. W. D. Davis is completing a nice little four-room house. When finished this will make four dwellings completed here this year.

We hear that the principal for the Philadelphia high school has been hired. At this writing we have not learned his name.

Mr. Willie McMillan of Laurinburg spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paisley McMillan the past week.

Miss Esther Brown of Fairmont is spending a few days with Miss Amanda Brown.

For all it has rained and the grass has grown, those that stuck to their crops have them now in very good shape. Among the cleanest large farms we have seen are Messrs. J. B. Humphrey's and I. T. Brown's.

Miss Mabel Currie, music teacher at the Philadelphia high school the past three or four years, spent a few days recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown. Miss Currie made many friends through this section during the time she was in the Philadelphia community.

Mr. I. T. Brown spent a few days in Wilmington the past week.

GREAT MARSH NEWS NOTES

Miss Leitha Lancaster and Dr. Holt Married Yesterday—Laying by Corn—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Great Marsh (St. Paul, R. F. D.), June 28.—Miss Ollie Livingstone is spending a few days over at St. Paul preparing for the marriage of Miss Leitha Lancaster and Dr. Holt, which will take place today.

We were glad to have one of our home boys back with us when we saw Mr. B. H. Johnson out at church Sunday.

Miss Cleon Odum was at the Great Marsh church Sunday. We were all glad to see her once more.

The farmers of this section are almost through plowing corn for this year.

Mr. R. Humphrey of the Saddle Tree section passed through here today en route to St. Paul.

Miss Bertha Sessions will attend the Lancaster and Holt marriage today.

Mr. E. G. Johnson is recovering very fast from a very serious stroke of paralysis.

Mr. Bill McDonald spent the week-end with his home folks. He is now working in Marion, S. C.

These warm days make the boys and young men want to go bathing more than ever.

M. I. E. Brady spent Sunday with his home folks near Hope Mills.

GADDYSVILLE GRIST

Wheat Short But Two Crops Will be Raised

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Gaddysville (Fairmont, R. 1), June 28.—Your correspondent has never had the high privilege of reporting a Gaddysville marriage through his ten years of correspondence but wait, somebody will do the stunt.

We had the heaviest rain of the season Sunday p. m.

Miss Bessie Gaddy spent Saturday and Sunday with her friend Miss Kate Rogers.

Wheat was exceedingly short but the farmers have put the stubble land to use and will get two crops on the same land.

W. V. B.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of J. E. Holt and Leitha Lancaster.

—Heavy rains have fallen in various sections of Robeson county during the last few days.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Webster, at their home near the Virginia & Carolina Southern depot, Sunday night, a fine large girl.

—Mr. J. T. Barker is able to be out today after being confined to his room for several days as a result of cutting his left foot with a hatchet.

—Mr. M. O. Register, an experienced druggist of Lillington, has accepted a position in the Pope Drug Co.'s store. He began work Monday.

—Messrs. John Meares and John Williamson killed a large rattlesnake about 5 miles from town on the Elizabethtown road Tuesday. The snake had six rattles.

—Prof. R. E. Sentelle and family will leave tomorrow morning for their country home in Haywood county. Prof. Sentelle will conduct a teachers' institute at Murphy the first two weeks in July and the last two he will conduct an institute at Waynesville, in his own county.

—The following Lumberton attorneys are attending or have attended for a day or so and returned, the State Bar Association at Wrightsville Beach this week: Messrs. A. W. McLean, R. C. Lawrence, L. R. Varner, J. D. McLean, H. J. Singleton, E. J. Britt and W. Lennon.

—Messrs. W. P. McAllister and James Barker, Mrs. R. E. Lewis and Miss Annie Kinlaw returned Saturday night from Hendersonville, where Mrs. McAllister is spending the summer. They spent 10 days at Hendersonville. They made the trip in Mr. McAllister's Chalmers auto and made the run, 264 miles, in 11 hours and 5 minutes.

—Misses Emma Gray Ledbetter, Mary Entristle, Laura Page Steele and Octavia Seales returned last evening to their homes at Rockingham after spending ten days here, guests at the home of Mayor and Mrs. A. E. White. After reaching Rockingham and while going from the station home an auto in which Misses Seales and Ledbetter were riding turned over, but the girls escaped with slight scratches.

National Guardsmen of North Carolina Ready to Go Anywhere

Raleigh Special, June 28, to Wilmington Star.

"The National Guard of North Carolina is ready to obey the orders of the President of the United States and volunteers to go into Mexico or elsewhere as they may be ordered regardless of the technical provisions of the Army Reorganization bill."

Thus reads a telegram sent to President Wilson today by Governor Craig.

It was sent, the Governor says, for the reason that some members of Congress are making the point that the President has no right to send the soldiers into Mexico.

He says that every man of the North Carolina Guard, from brigadier commander to the private in the ranks, is ready to sign any enlistment volunteering his services to the United States anywhere and at any time.

Apology Demanded of Austria for Attack Upon Petrolite

Washington Dispatch, June 28.

The American rejoinder to Austria regarding the Austrian submarine attack on the American steamer Petrolite, made public today, describes the act as a deliberate insult to the flag of the United States and an invasion of the rights of American citizens and requests a prompt apology, punishment of the submarine commander and payment of indemnity.

In vigorous language the communication, sent a week ago today, makes it clear that the United States believes the facts of the case entirely different from what the Austrian submarine commander reported them to be and that immediate amends are expected.

War News Summary

Gains of additional ground by the Italians from the Austrians, by the French from the Germans northeast of Verdun and by the Germans from the Russians in Volhynia, are chronicled in the latest communications issued by the Italian, French and Austrian war offices. In addition it is stated that the Austrians are still holding back the wing of the Russian army which is endeavoring to drive past Kut, Bukovina, with Kolomea as its objective.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Smith, who live near Hunter's Lodge, are Lumberton visitors today.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Sessions and little daughter, Christine, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Sessions' parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Davis who live near Raft Swamp.

Miss Ida Feldman, who was visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinstein, has gone to Fairmont to visit at the home of her uncle and aunt. Mr. and Mrs. H. Weinstein.

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