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HUERTA REPORTED READY TO RESIGN

Only Wants Chance To Get Safely Out of Mexico On Foreign Warship

PEOPLE ARE WAKING UP

They Find That Huerta Has Falsely Informed Them About Rebel Defeats and Purposes of American Invasion and They Are Turning Against The Usurper

Veracruz, May 3.—Persistent reports continue to circulate here that General Huerta intends to retire from the Presidency of Mexico on condition that he be assured a safe conduct to a port and be placed on board a foreign warship. It is declared in some Mexican circles here that Huerta was ready to resign a week ago, but was prevented by internal dissensions in his cabinet. Huerta's Sentiment Growing. The resignation of Jose Lopez Portillo y Rojas, the Foreign Minister, coupled with reports that there is a growing undercurrent of feeling in Mexico City against the Huerta government is interpreted here as foreshadowing a change in the Federal capital. Close observers here believe Senator Portillo's resignation may clear the way eventually for the appointment of a Foreign Minister who under the Mexican constitution, could succeed Huerta as president. In these circles it is pointed out that while General Carranza declined to treat with Huerta, he might consent to enter into negotiations with his successor and thus facilitate mediation. Continued rebel successes in the North and attacks on Tampico may in the opinion of some bring about a change of policy. Popular Getting Wise. The interior was reported quiet today. People arriving here from the capital said the populace was beginning to learn that Huerta was deceiving them all the time by issuing false reports of Federal successes against the Constitutionalists. News of the peaceful way in which Americans are occupying Veracruz, it is said, has spread to the capital and has convinced the people there that the American invasion of the port is not for conquest or aggression. The capital's inhabitants fear the coming there of Francisco Villa more than that of the American troops, it is said. Elements in Mexico City, which cling to the memory of the late President Francisco I. Madero, are reported to have been incensed by the arrest of deputies, who were cast into jail on charges of conspiracy.

VICE-PRESIDENT SAYS EASY TO FIND A LADY BUT REAL WOMEN SCARCE

Renoake, Va., May 3.—Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall are guests for the week-end of Senator and Mrs. Kern at Kerncliff, the country home of the Senator near here. This afternoon the Vice-President addressed the students of Hollins College at their annual May Day festival. Mr. Marshall told the young ladies he was glad to see they were studying Latin, as he had thought all the young women in these times were studying the great political problems. "It is easy to become a lady," said the Vice-President, "give me enough money and I can make a lady out of any female, but it is exceedingly hard to find a real true woman." After the speeches, luncheon was served on the Hollins College campus to the five hundred guests of the students. Miss Edith Towell, of Florida, was queen of the May festivities.

FARMER PROBABLY ROBBED.

Asheville, April 3.—That Douglas Galloway was the victim of foul play is believed by friends and relatives of the injured man, the latter having been found by the public road a few nights ago with a fractured skull. He has not yet regained consciousness. At first, it was thought that he had fallen from his wagon en route to his home from Asheville, although an investigation has shown that his money and watch as well as other valuables, are missing. The idea is entertained that he was robbed.

NOMINATION BALLOT

To enter the Contest, fill out the Coupon and send to the Contest Department. Each contestant is entitled to one nomination good for 1000 VOTES. I hereby nominate MR. MRS. OR MISS Street No. District No. Postoffice State Signed Date

THE PROGRAM OF STATE BANKERS

For Convention in Raleigh Which Begins On May Twelve

IN HALL OF THE HOUSE

The Address of Hon. John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, is To Be Made On Wednesday Evening, May 13, at 9 O'clock. Large Attendance Expected

The program of the meeting of the North Carolina Bankers' Association shows that the meeting in Raleigh May 12-14 will be one of great interest. The sessions are to be held in the Hall of the House of Representatives, the opening session to take place on Tuesday night, May 12 at 9 o'clock. The address of Hon. John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, will be on Wednesday evening. Hon. C. W. Fillett, of Charlotte, will speak on Thursday morning and Col. John F. Britton, of Wilson, will speak on Wednesday morning. Thursday afternoon and evening will be devoted to local events, a barbecue at Bloomsbury Park in the afternoon and an informal reception at the Raleigh Country Club in the evening. Many social features have been arranged for by the Raleigh bankers, and all who attend will be shown every possible hospitality. The indications are that the attendance will be very large, and that many ladies will be visitors to Raleigh during the convention. In addition to the regular business of the convention the matter of locating a branch of the Reserve Bank, and the selection of the directors to represent the State will be considered. Following adjournment, members of the American Bankers Association (Continued on Page Two.)

FEUD IN WILKES STARTS UP AGAIN

County Is Aroused Over Mysterious Shooting of Mrs. Higgins

North Wilkesboro, May 3.—The Hutchinson Higgins feud was reopened this morning with a shock, when at daylight some one unknown at this hour shot and seriously wounded Mrs. Elias Higgins, wife of the man who is charged with the murder of Charles Hutchinson, a few months ago. Higgins is still large, having immediately disappeared after Hutchinson was shot. Excitement in that section of the county some six miles north of here is running high and further developments are expected any moment. Bloodhounds were wired from High Point and were rushed through the country in automobiles, arriving on the scene about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, but up to 6 o'clock the hounds had been unable to make any start. It is talked that some arrests are expected within the next few hours. Several hundred people have gathered at the scene of the tragedy, many going out from North Wilkesboro. Another Version of Shooting. (Special to The News and Observer.) North Wilkesboro, May 3.—About 4 o'clock this morning some one shot Mrs. Higgins, who lives about six miles from town, through a window of her residence. She had risen and made a light to begin her household duties. She was wounded in the face and arm, the weapon used being a shotgun loaded with small shot. She is not seriously wounded. About two months ago her husband shot and killed his brother-in-law, a young man named Hutchinson, in the same house. He fled and has not been apprehended. Blood hounds have been wired for to trace the miscreant.

BONNIE BLUE FLAG TO WAVE THIS WEEK

Gathering of Veterans and Children in Jacksonville Will Be Notable Event

AUTOS USED IN PARADE

This Time No Ambulances Will Trail Behind Age-Wearied Survivors of Lost Cause in Their Annual Line of March. Governor Cox, of Ohio, To Be Present

Jacksonville, Fla., May 3.—With preparations completed, Jacksonville tonight was ready to welcome the United Confederate Veterans, the Sons of Confederate Veterans and members of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, which organizations will meet here in annual convention during the present week. Thousands of visitors are expected to attend, and elaborate preparations have been made for their entertainment. The first meeting will be held Tuesday night, when the Sons of Confederate Veterans will inaugurate their nineteenth yearly convocation. The principal events of the week, however, will not begin until Wednesday morning, the United Confederate Veterans will hold their fourth annual reunion, which will close Friday with the Veterans' parade and the yearly ball in their honor. Sessions of the affiliated organizations will be held simultaneously with those of the United Veterans during the week, and their conventions also will end Friday. All is in Readiness. For many months the Confederate Reunion Association here has been making ready for the gathering. Nothing but the actual reception and entertainment of the coming guests tonight remained to be looked after, and careful preparations to that end were perfected days ago. Jacksonville already has been decked in gala attire for the occasion. Tonight the city was ablaze with myriads of electric lights and gay with fluttering flags and bright bunting. At Springfield Park, five hundred seats, which tents stood waiting for the veterans, have been taken care infinite precautions have been taken. Special Guard Features. The advance guard of visitors will begin to arrive tomorrow but all the veterans probably will not reach here before Wednesday morning. Especially necessary on Friday night and Saturday to the social events connected with the reunion. The first of these features will be the parade of sponsors and maids-of-honor Wednesday morning. There also will be balls Wednesday and Friday nights and many other events of social nature during the week. A unique feature of Wednesday night's social session will be the return in the State of Ohio of a battle flag captured from one of the regiments of the "Buckeye State" by Confederates. The flag will be returned by the Alabama Division, U. C. V., and will be formally accepted by Gov. J. M. Cox, of Ohio. At the same time presentation of sponsors and maids of honor will be made. Veterans' Parade in Autos. In striking contrast to the celebrated custom of reunions of the past will be the parade of veterans Friday. Heretofore the old soldiers have braved long, hot marches through endless streets. This year they will ride in automobiles and no trailing ambulances will follow the line of march. On Thursday afternoon the Sons of Confederates will hold their annual parade, marching with the National Guard of Florida. It had been expected that a regiment of United-States Cavalry would attend the reunion and participate in the parade, and also that there would be on hand a number of vessels of the navy. The present situation with Mexico, however, has necessitated elimination of these features. The survivors of the dashing cavalry brigades of Gen. Nathan B. Forrest, however, will attend, and will lend their picturesque presence to the parades. Park Trammell, Governor of Florida, and Van C. Swearingen, Mayor of Jacksonville, will deliver addresses to the veterans Wednesday, after which Gen. Bennett Young will assume charge of the sessions. Important business connected with the organization will occupy the attention of the veterans to a great extent during the second day of the reunion. Selection of next year's meeting place will be made Thursday and the annual election of officers also will be held. At noon Thursday memorial exercises will be held in the U. C. V. auditorium under the auspices of the United Veterans and the Confederate Southern Memorial Association. At these services the Sons of Confederate Veterans also will be present. With all business cleared away, the veterans will be ready Friday for their parade, and the grand ball, with which the reunion will close.

GASTONIA READY TO BACK CLAIMS

Secretary Lloyd Reaffirms His Assertion of 12,000 People For Textile City

Gastonia, May 3.—Alfred O. Lloyd, the General-Secretary of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, has taken exception to the report of the Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer on the census figures for the town of North Carolina, inasmuch as Gastonia was not included in a list of the towns of 8,000 or over furnished the Observer a few days ago and is endeavoring to have Gastonia placed on the map where she belongs. The Charlotte Observer has also taken exception to Secretary Lloyd's desire to give Gastonia the population of the city possessed, and in an editorial Saturday, said "Mr. Alfred Lloyd, general secretary, sends the Observer a copy of a letter he has written to Mr. Bryant, the Washington correspondent of this paper concerning the figures sent out about the census. He tells Mr. Bryant: 'You have overlooked the fact that Gastonia has over 12,000 population, or the census bureau may be at fault and not have the information.' It is always a ticklish business to question the figures of the census bureau." Mr. Lloyd has a disappointment coming to him. By the census of 1910, the population of Gastonia was 5,769. If it now has over 12,000, then it has made perhaps the most phenomenal growth of any town in the whole country. Lloyd's claim, while no action has been taken during hot days beneath its cool shade. In an interview following the publication of this editorial Secretary Lloyd informed your correspondent that he still claims the 12,000 population for Gastonia and is prepared to back up the claim with figures or take a census. "While the census of 1910, the population of Gastonia was 5,769. If it now has over 12,000, then it has made perhaps the most phenomenal growth of any town in the whole country. Lloyd's claim, while no action has been taken during hot days beneath its cool shade. 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