

ALLEY'S APPEAL TO UNITED STATES

Unless Colombia and Ecuador Maintain Neutrality They May Be Spanked

TROUBLE OVER WIRELESS

Colombia Appears the Chief Offender, by Aiding the German Fleet; Washington Thinks Speech of Roberts in House of Commons Refers to Recent Communication


ZAPATA RESTORES ORDER IN CAPITAL

Southern Partner of Villa is in Mexico City and Keeps Populace Quiet

AWAITS COMING OF VILLA

The Northern Chieftain Only Two Hours From the City Yesterday With His Army. Disorder Took Place When Blanco Fled and Left the City Without Protection

Thanksgiving Greetings



On This Day the People of North Carolina On Casting Up Their Balances Will Find That the Year Past Has Been One of Great Goodness To Them And That With Full Hearts They Should Return Heartfelt Thanks to the Giver of All Good Gifts For the Largesses He Has So Freely Bestowed

Once again we have reached Thanksgiving Day, and as we review the year past there are so many things for which there should be thanks that from the hearts of the people there will arise a chorus of praise to the Giver of all good gifts. Each in this greatly favored land will find some special thing for which to return thanks, for blessings have come to all.

As in the years past the News and Observer prints this morning from a number of North Carolinians—men and women—reasons for which they return thanks on this day set aside by President and Governors as the day on which we should approach the throne of the Almighty and out of full hearts express as best we may our gratitude for all His goodness and mercy poured out upon us as individuals and as a people.

America is blessed at this time in especial that our country is at peace with all the world. While the fields of Europe are red with the blood of its peoples, the citizens of the United States go about their daily affairs in peace and in happiness. In the White House there sits a man whose wisdom must be a source of amazement to all our people. Watchful and waiting he has sought for the people of this land peace and prosperity with a high minded purpose which has brought to him the praise of the world.

In North Carolina there is cause for thanksgiving of the deepest kind. Our State has been blessed in many ways. Some of the things for which our people give thanks are set out in the expressions from men and women of North Carolina which are printed in this paper today. These can be added to by each in this good State, for there are blessings of many sorts found in the lives of all. These Thanksgiving sentiments are:

London, Nov. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—Great Britain and France have appealed to the United States to exercise its good offices to compel Colombia to observe strictly the requirements of neutrality, the requirements of which were announced in the House of Commons today, may be compelled, in self-defense, to take whatever measures they deem necessary for the protection of their interests.

Charles Roberts, under Secretary of the Colonial Department, speaking on behalf of the foreign office, made this announcement. He told the House of Commons that information in the possession of the government indicated that the governments of Colombia and Ecuador had failed in certain respects to observe an attitude of strict neutrality and that their failure to do so was likely to be detrimental to the interests of England.

The British minister in Bogotá, Mr. Roberts, said that the governments of Colombia and Ecuador had failed to comply with the request of Great Britain and France to exercise proper control of wireless apparatus.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—The forces of Gen. Zapata occupied Mexico City last night and are maintaining order, according to official telegrams from Mexico City dated today and received here tonight.

Two messages were received, one from the Brazilian minister and the other from American Consul Silliman. Both were filed in Mexico City this morning.

Mr. Silliman said the Zapata forces after sharp fighting in the outskirts of the capital yesterday, when sixty soldiers were reported killed, entered the city as the forces of Gen. Blanco evacuated. There was some looting in the brief interval between the evacuation by Blanco and the arrival of the Zapata troops, but the city became quiet immediately afterwards. Villa's forces, according to Mr. Silliman, were expected to reach the capital late today.

The Brazilian minister reported he had received full assurances from the Zapata troops that they would maintain order. He said General Blanco withdrew at 3 a. m. yesterday, contrary to promises to the diplomatic corps and without taking any measures to protect the city. The Brazilian minister added that the Zapata forces in agreement with the diplomatic corps had organized a patrol service from the police force, whose duty had been taken by the departing troops.

SCHOOL LEADERS FOR MORE LIGHT

County and City Superintendents Pledge for Warfare on Illiteracy

FOR MOONLIGHT SCHOOL

This or Any Other Method That Will Reach Masses Is Favored; Hon. P. P. Claxton Speaks Twice; Seven Hundred Teachers at Opening State Assembly

U. S. WILL DEMAND SHIPPING RIGHTS

Principles of Declaration of London Flatly Refused by State Department

ENGLAND GOES BEYOND

These Articles Did Not Protect Rights of Neutral Commerce and Yet England Makes Contraband List More Unjust; America Has Right to Carry Food to Germany

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Conflicting Claims Made

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—Conflicting reports received by Carranza from Mexico City which they declared indicated that Zapata and Villa would not present a united front in opposition to Carranza. These reports said Zapata personally had entered the capital and had renounced allegiance to the Aguas Calientes convention, whose program Villa is supporting.

Villa agents professed disbelief of reports that there had been disorders in Mexico City, or even that Zapata forces had entered.

Justices' officials after conferring by telegraph with Villa who is at Tula, two hours from Mexico City, quoted him as saying he had received no word of disorders at the capital. He said there was no telegraphic communication from south of his position and intimated he would hasten into Mexico City with cavalry.

He also declared Fallicitas Villareal, a convention cabinet member, arrived at Tula yesterday and reported that General Blanco was in perfect accord with the convention party. Advice to the Carranza agency declared Blanco had withdrawn to Orizaba, midway between Mexico City and Vera Cruz.

THE ARMIES OF THE CZAR CLAIM GREAT VICTORIES

Petrograd Celebrates the German Repulse in Poland, Which Now Appears As Rout, While Russians Are Chasing The Fleeing Turks Over the Snow-Covered Fields of the Caucasus and Another Army Enters Hungary—Comparative Quiet Prevails in the West—Berlin Says Turkish Threaten Suez Canal.

Petrograd, Nov. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—The following official communication from the Russian general staff was given out here today:

"The fighting near Lodz continues. The large German forces which on November 20 broke into the region of Strykow, Brzeziny, Koluszki, Rzgow, and Tuszyn (all these places are in the vicinity of Lodz) are pressed on every side by our troops and are now attempting by a supreme effort to cut through toward the north.

"South of Koluszki station some scattered units are remaining about. We captured prisoners, some heavy ordnance and field guns.

"The outcome of the battle of November 24 was to our advantage.

"In the fighting near Czestochowa and Cracow our troops manifestly have the upper hand.

"Beyond the Carpathian passes we are surrounding large bodies of Austrian troops in the vicinity of Montekhorca. In this region we captured a general, forty officers, more than 3,500 soldiers and convicts and machine guns. Near the pass giving access to the Hungarian plain, we occupy the city of Homeonna."

Petrograd, via London, Nov. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—Reports reaching here of the magnitude of the German defeats of Lodz, Russian Poland, which, in some instances, place German losses at an entire army corps, in a measure are confirmed by dispatches from Warsaw. Forty-eight trains have been despatched from Warsaw with the prisoners and wounded. They should carry between 45,000 and 50,000 men.

Military men here believe the reported defeat was due partially to the failure of the German column from Wielun to defeat the Russians sent against it. Had roads delayed this column, it is reported, enabling the Russians to concentrate a force to repulse it and turn the flanks of the main German column.

There is great jubilation in army circles here, officers expressing the conviction that the enemy has received a crushing blow likely to prove decisive in the Poland campaign.

Petrograd, Nov. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Turkish forces still are retreating before the Russians in the region around Erzerum, according to a statement from the general Russian staff in the Caucasus made public here tonight. It says:

"In the direction of Erzerum our troops continue to chase before them the bulk of the Turkish forces they have defeated. We are capturing many prisoners and much ammunition and stores.

"The road along which the Turks are retreating are strewn with the frozen bodies of their dead.

"Prisoners taken are unanimous in declaring that the defeated army is making haste with a view to seeking shelter behind the forts at Erzerum and Deveci-Koyun.

"The situation elsewhere remains unchanged."

Charlotte, Nov. 25.—At a joint meeting of the city and county superintendents of North Carolina schools here this afternoon, at which 91 county superintendents and about 75 city or town superintendents were present, a resolution was unanimously adopted deploring adult illiteracy in North Carolina, asking the hearty cooperation of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, the Farmers Union, the women's clubs of the State and every other patriotic agency toward removing that illiteracy and expressing the determination to show a clean slate for the State in that respect by the 1920 census. To this end unanimous endorsement was given to principal of "Moonlight Schools" as they have been successfully operated in Harnett county, and one or two other places in the State, and with marked success in Kentucky. Adult illiteracy and its obliteration from the State was a main topic of discussion at this the second day's session of the Rural Superintendents of the State, who were joined this afternoon by City Superintendents, both of whom are meeting here in connection with the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly.

The Superintendents' meeting closed this afternoon with the election of officers for the five superintendents' districts of the State. Dr. F. B. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, addressed the joint meeting of superintendents briefly this afternoon and made the opening address before the Teachers' Assembly tonight at 8 o'clock in College Street school building.

Great Host of Teachers

Approximately 700 teachers had registered tonight at 6 o'clock and it is expected two hundred more will have registered by tomorrow at noon. The first business session of the assembly was held this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and was presided over by Prof. M. C. S. Noble, of the University of North Carolina, president of the association.

The assembly voted down a resolution calling upon the Legislature to enact a law requiring as a condition for teaching school in North Carolina that the applicant must have been an attendant for three years upon a high school of recognized standing and have taken a five-hour a week course in pedagogy for at least one school year. The assembly, however, voted for the suggestion to be laid before the resolutions committee for submission at another session of the assembly.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—The decided stand taken by the United States in refusing to accept the principles of the declaration of London to regulate commercial relations during the European war, was made clear today, when the State Department made public the text of a cablegram sent to Ambassador Gerard at Berlin on October 14.

Mr. Gerard had forwarded a notice that Germany intended to protest against alleged violation of the declaration by Great Britain and France. The German Ambassador, Count Bernstorff, today formally lodged the complaint with the State Department. Simultaneously the reply called Ambassador Gerard, copies of which went to all American diplomatic representatives abroad, was given out. It follows:

"Please inform the German government that the department suggestion made to the belligerent countries for the adoption for the sake of uniformity of the declaration of London as a temporary code of naval warfare in use in the present war, has been withdrawn because of the unwillingness of some of the belligerents to adopt the declaration of London without modification. The United States Government, therefore, will insist on the rights and duties and those of its citizens in the present war be defined by the existing rules of international law and the treaties of the United States, and will not be bound by the provisions of the declaration, and this government will reserve the right to enter a demand or protest in every case in which the rights and duties mentioned above the defined by existing rules of international law are violated or their free exercise hindered by the belligerent governments."

The message was signed by Counselor Lansing, then acting Secretary of State.

England Failed to Ratify

The declaration of London, framed at an international conference in the British capital, set out specifically what articles should be considered contraband. The United States, however, has not taken this action. One article of the declaration provides it shall be binding only upon those powers ratifying it.

German Position Sound

Counselor Lansing today made it clear to Ambassador Bernstorff that in the absence of general rules to which all parties had subscribed the United States could not accept only specific complaints. The German bill presented today contains several specific protests, but to those the State Department has as yet made no reply. It is said, however, that the German position that Great Britain had violated the spirit of the declaration by seizing or detaining food supplies in neutral bottoms and consigned to German ports, directly or indirectly, is recognized by officials as entirely sound. The same is true as to the complaint against removal from neutral ships of German citizens not yet in a military establishment and also as to the extension of the Great Britain contraband list far beyond the limits fixed in the London convention.

U. S. Making Own Code

The department has been working out a code of its own for treatment of questions of contraband and neutrality. It is hoped this code can be devised with such impartiality that it will commend itself to all of the belligerents. It is recognized, however, that failure of all belligerents to adhere to the declaration of London has greatly increased the difficulties of neutral states in protecting their legitimate commerce and at the same time preserving strict neutrality.

Washington Not Concerned

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Three Americans Arrested

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—The State department has ordered the report of the Hermitage, at Hermosillo, Mexico, on private advices that T. W. Carraway, of Memphis, is threatened with execution there, Carraway, with J. C. Wilson and J. R. McNairy, was arrested more than a month ago charged with complicity in dynamiting bridges in Sonora. When the Americans were arrested the State department took the matter up with General Villa. The authorities at Hermosillo were instructed by Villa to release the Americans if they were innocent of the charges, which was the report made by the American consul at Nogales, who investigated the case.

NORRIS PROBABLE IN CONGRESS RACE

Solicitor of This District Perhaps Candidate to Succeed Congressman E. W. POU

Mention having been made in this paper a few days ago that ex-Judge W. W. Winston and Mr. Albert Cox, both of this city, will probably contend with Hon. E. W. POU two years hence for the nomination as Democratic candidate for Congress in the Fourth Congressional District, and the friends of Solicitor Herbert E. Norris having heretofore advocated him as a successor of Mr. POU, a reporter of this paper interviewed Mr. Norris as to whether or not he would be a candidate for nomination to succeed Mr. POU, who said:

"In my opinion, it is premature and unwise to discuss a matter of this kind two years in advance of the nominating convention or primary election, yet since I understand pledges of support are now being requested, I will state that I would esteem it a great honor to represent this district in the national halls of Congress, and feeling that Mr. POU's successor should be selected from Wake county, or from Vance county, it is probable that I will ask the Democrats of this district for their support for the nomination at the next nominating convention or primary election held in this district."

This statement is made for the information of my friends and those who may desire to support me in the event of my candidacy.

MEXICAN GOT TWO MILLIONS

Ponce Misrepresented Himself and Must Answer For It

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 25.—Lino Ponce, extradition for whom was granted to Tennessee today by Gov. Clegg, is wanted in Memphis on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses in connection with a rebellion of almost \$2,000,000 in Mexican money.

An indictment was returned against Ponce by the Shelby county grand jury last week and the local authorities since have endeavored to secure his return to this city.

The money responsible for his indictment was printed by a local company.

DUKE NICHOLAS SILENT

London, Nov. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—While the Russian army headquarters remain silent and the Germans claim to have checked attempts on the part of the Russians to take the offensive, the military party in Petrograd has shown its full confidence in the official reports of a Russian victory in Northern Poland by celebrating the event.

It is even said that the Russian capital that the victory was greater than there is talk in Petrograd of an entire German army corps having been broken up. Reports received here say that trains have been ordered which will accommodate 50,000 wounded and prisoners. Heretofore, Grand Duke Nicholas, commander in chief of the Russian forces, has withheld his reports until the work he set out had been completed, so that the world may have to wait for some days yet for his official statement.

In East Prussia and before Cracow.

DANIELS ANSWERS CRITICS

Secretary Talks Back as 'Swash-Buckling Jingo'

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—Secretary Daniels, in a Thanksgiving address today to the thousands of employees at the government printing office, replied to critics of the state of preparedness of the army and navy.

Mr. Daniels was alone in the faculty of the Georgia School of Technology in Atlanta.

Dr. Boggs, of Baltimore, and Lucian Boggs, of Jacksonville, Fla., are two other brothers. The dead attorney was a graduate of the University of Georgia.

AMERICA TOUCHES HEART OF ENGLAND

Thanks From Officials and the Army for the Good Santa Claus Ship Jason

Plymouth, Nov. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—A dinner, given today by the Earl of Beauchamp, first commissioner of works in the British cabinet, honored the officers of the Santa Claus ship Jason, closed a day in which the British foreign office and the citizens of Greater Plymouth manifested heartfelt appreciation of the "King" of the country for the 6,000,000 Christmas gifts sent by the United States to children in the war zone.

Following the Jason's arrival at Davenport today American flags floated over every public building in Plymouth and from the main masts of all warship and commercial craft in the harbor. Hundreds of women visited the Jason, after the official reception in the vessel.

Admission to the navy yard at Davenport was by card, but thousands stood outside the gates to view the ship from a distance.

The guests were seated for the dinner tonight in the Royal Hotel. The British army and navy were represented by the commandants of the Plymouth fortress and the navy yard. Mayor Baker, of Plymouth, and Major Waldorf Astor were guests.

The Earl of Beauchamp replied to the toast "The King," while Francis Duke Ackland, under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, responded to "The President of the United States." Lieut. Commander Courtney, replying to a toast to "The Christmas Ship," replied: "The American navy is glad to discharge such a mission this glad a service which appeals to my heart. Thousands of little ones, at home wished the Jason Godspeed."

John Gellan O'Leary, representing 240 newspapers in the United States which assisted in collecting the Christmas gifts, speaking to the toast "The Children of America," reviewed the work of those who made the Jason's trip possible.

The Earl of Beauchamp read this telegram from Lord Kitchener:

"Please express on my behalf and that of the British army, our cordial appreciation and grateful thanks for the gift of the Santa Claus ship, the Jason, which will bring pleasure to the homes of many of those whose fathers are away."

DOUBLE MURDER IN FLORIDA HOME

Prominent Lawyer and Daughter Slain With Axe; Burned in Their Home

Miami, Fla., Nov. 25.—Two persons were killed with an axe in a costly country residence near here early today and the house then destroyed by fire, with the evident intention of concealing the crime.

The dead were Adam A. Boggs, a widely known Florida lawyer, and Marjorie Boggs, his daughter. The attorney was 45 and the young woman 18 years old.

The bodies were found in the charred remains of the residence. The bodies of both had been crushed.

While a search for the double murder has not yet been established to the full satisfaction of the authorities, they are working on the theory that the crime was committed by burglars who were discovered in the house by the lawyer and his daughter.

The blood-stained axe used in the crime was found late today hidden under shrubbery near the site of the burned residence. An expert pure also was found. An investigation of the ruins has revealed several small articles of jewelry, but nothing of value has been located, thus tending to support the robbery theory.

Mr. Boggs was alone in the residence during the early part of last night. His daughter was attending a social function nearby and Mrs. Boggs is visiting at Lake Francis, N. Y. Miss Boggs returned home shortly after midnight.

The Boggs family has been prominently identified with the educational and religious development of the South. Dr. William E. Boggs, former chancellor of the University of Georgia, and a Presbyterian minister who now lives in Atlanta, is the father of the dead lawyer. George H. Boggs, a lawyer, is a member of the faculty of the Georgia School of Technology in Atlanta.

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RICHMOND PUTS LID ON

Vice District Closed Today by Orders of Mayor

Richmond, Va., Nov. 25.—Mayor Aldrich today directed Chief of Police Werner to clamp the lid on the segregated district tomorrow. The edict is the direct result of efforts on the part of local ministers to close the red light district on Thanksgiving Day when hundreds of college students will be drawn to the city by the Virginia-Carolina football game. The idea is to throw a cloak of safety about the youths by eliminating the social evil, if only temporarily.

The objectionable houses will be closed at 4 p. m. and will not be permitted to open again until 8 a. m. Friday. One hundred and thirty-eight women are affected by the order. The ministers who took a leading part in bringing about this unique situation are Dr. Russell Bowie, of St. Paul's Episcopal; Dr. H. D. C. MacLachlan, of Seventh Street Christian; Dr. John W. Shackford, of Broad Street Methodist.