

## MEXICO BOWS TO WILL OF THE U. S.

### UNLESS HUERTA CHANGES HIS MIND CRISIS OVER IN NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

United States to Accept Mexican President's Offer. European Powers Advised Apology. Administration Officials Gratiplied. No Order to Fleet.

Late yesterday Secretary Bryan dispatched a communication to Charge O'Shaughnessy. Its contents was not revealed, but it was understood to be an acceptance of Huerta's offer for a salute, which will be acknowledged by the American ships. President Wilson yesterday made it clear that orders to the Atlantic and Pacific fleets had not been changed. It appeared that Huerta's offer would be accepted, but that the President would have no comment to make until the salute was actually fired.

Huerta has promised Charge O'Shaughnessy to salute the American flag in apology for the arrest of American bluejackets at Tampico.

The only condition attached was that the American ships fire a salute in acknowledgment.

Officials close to the President said this was in accordance with naval practice of nations and according to precedent.

The news was received at the White House just after Secretary Bryan and Acting Chairman Shively, of the Foreign Relations Committee, went into conference with President Wilson.

Unless Huerta changes his mind the crisis promises to pass over with the next 24 hours.

With smiling faces Senator Shively and Secretary Bryan came from the White House conference.

"The President has some very interesting news," said Senator Shively.

"The situation is highly encouraging," said Secretary Bryan.

Then it was made known that dispatches from Charge O'Shaughnessy had described his conference with Huerta yesterday as "very cordial and satisfactory," and officials said they were convinced that unless the charge had misinterpreted Huerta's intentions there was no doubt that compliance with the American demands would be forthcoming within the next few hours, and that the crisis would be passed.

The text of the dispatches was not made public nor was any formal statement made describing them.

No orders were issued to the ships already steaming toward Mexico, nor

was there any change in the plans for enforcing President Wilson's demand. Some officials gave it as their personal view that after Huerta had complied with the demand for apology and saluted the American flag some of the ships now under way might be turned back, but certainly not before.

It was pointed out that all administration officials were gratified by the news that Huerta was about to yield, but that there was no disposition to temporize or delay further and that all the plans for action would continue effective until all cause for action had been removed.

Other dispatches from Charge O'Shaughnessy were expedited yesterday, but both President Wilson and Secretary Bryan were convinced by the dispatches already at hand that Huerta had yielded to the pressure from Washington, and the dispatch of the fleet on both coasts to back up the demands.

Diplomatic representatives in Mexico City under orders from their home foreign offices, anxious to avert a break, had pressed Huerta to yield, and Mexicans in the United States had advised him that to apologize would be the best thing for Mexico.

European powers have advised Huerta to apologize to the United States and avoid a situation which threatened grave consequences.

Friends of the Mexican dictator in the United States also assured him that unless a salute were fired to the American flag the capture of Tampico and Vera Cruz and a blockade of Mexico by the American fleet was the Washington program.

President Wilson and other administration officials silently awaited developments while the fighting ships steamed down the Atlantic and Pacific coasts to Mexican waters.

Pressure upon Huerta was brought not alone by Charge O'Shaughnessy, but by other diplomatic representatives in Mexico City.

Friends of Huerta in the United States, Mexicans and others telegraphed him that for the best interests of Mexico the salute should be fired.

They advised him that the United States "means business" and that there is ample precedent for the firing of the salute without loss of national dignity. They pointed out that the United States once saluted the flag of Spain and the flag of Brazil.

### ON A TEN-THOUSAND-MILE HIKE



William Moore, aged twenty-one; Elwin G. Cook, twenty-seven, and Henry Mason, twenty-two, have started on a ten-thousand-mile hike, bearing letters from Mayor Michel of New York. They are dragging a miniature prairie schooner stored with provisions and clothing and expect to cover 24 states in about eighteen months. Their combined capital when they started was \$3.

### RARE TREAT IN STORE FOR THE PUBLIC

Tonight at the Public school auditorium at 8:30 o'clock Dr. S. L. Reba, of Philadelphia, will address the citizens under the auspices of the merchants of Washington. Dr. Krebs' subject will be: "Manners That Win in Business." Everybody has a cordial invitation to be present especially the clerks and salesmen as it promises to be helpful and instructive to them. Dr. Krebs was here a year ago and so charmed his hearers that he has been induced to visit the city again. He is a very attractive speaker and should be greeted by a large audience. The address will be free.

### IN THE CITY.

J. D. Eborn, of Bayside, and Surry Parker, of Pinetown, are business visitors today.

### MINER'S SON ATTRACTION PLAYHOUSE

The "Playhouse" or floating theater, which arrived here yesterday from Aurora for a stay of three days gave its first performance last night to a good-sized audience, notwithstanding the elements kept many away. The title of the attraction was "Under the Western Skies," and was presented in a way to please, as has been the custom since Mr. Adams gave his first show here. To night the company will present "The Miner's Son" and on Saturday night, "Why Girls Leave Home." Saturday afternoon they will give a matinee and the doors will open at 2:30; performance at 3. The attractions tonight and Saturday night have never been presented in Washington. Mr. Adams has had generous patronage wherever his floating theater has exhibited and he is very much pleased with the outlook. A great crowd is expected to witness the show tonight.

### NEW POSTMASTERS.

The President has appointed Eugene T. Hooker as postmaster at Aurora, N. C., in place of John W. Caplin, present incumbent and Jerome T. Linton has been named for postmaster at Ransomville. Mr. Hooker is a young man of energy and push and his friends are congratulating him upon his good fortune. Mr. Linton is a popular citizen of Ransomville.

Children Love Washington Park.

### Four Thousand Dollars Has Been Raised For Tob. Market

### MRS. WOOLARD DIED TODAY AT 1:45 P.M.

Mrs. Janie Woolard, wife of Mr. Edward Woolard, passed away at her home on East Main street this afternoon at 1:45 o'clock. The news of her going will be quite a shock to her friends in this city and all through the county. For the past several months Mrs. Woolard has been in poor health, but not until the past few days was she compelled to take her bed. She was a consistent member of the Christian church and leaves a husband and several children to mourn their loss. The funeral will take place some time tomorrow and the interment will be in Oakdale. The deceased was about 35 years of age and was held in the highest esteem.

### SHOWER IN HONOR OF THE BRIDE ELECT

Miss Mary Tankard again proved a charming hostess on Monday afternoon last, when she entertained at her home on Market street, from 3 to 6, at a linen shower in honor of Miss Marie Louise Archbell, who was married to Mr. E. Hoyt Moore Wednesday afternoon last. Auction bridge was played, there being nine tables.

The home was handsomely decorated in yellow jessamine and jonquills. The favors were potted plants. The shower was suspended from a clothes line in the living room and as Miss Mae Ayers played the wedding march and the bride-elect progressed to the head of the table, lo and behold she was showered with all kinds of linen. In addition to the shower a delicious two course luncheon was served. The function was indeed one long to be remembered. Miss Tankard was graciousness itself and all left for their respective homes wishing the bride-to-be all the joys earth has in store.

### ACCEPTS POSITION.

Mr. B. F. Braddy, who has been one of the popular salesmen at the store of Powell & Ellsworth, has accepted a position with the E. L. Brooks shoe store. He has the best of wishes of his friends.

### Only One More Thousand Needed For Contemplated Improvements. Great Season Is Expected. Citizens Enthusiastic.

Prospects become brighter all the while for the Washington tobacco market this season. Enthusiasm seems to prevail among the citizens and business men and everything points to a great season. Several days ago a meeting of the stockholders of the Washington Tobacco Warehouse Company was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, at which time plans were outlined and discussed for the coming season. Those in charge stated that at least \$3,000 was needed at once to enlarge the Beaufort warehouse, erect stables, prize houses, etc. Realizing the necessity of such improvements and believing that Washington is destined to be one of the State's largest markets work has commenced at once towards raising the required amount. No doubt the readers of the Daily News will be gratified to learn that already \$4,000 has been raised towards this fund, leaving only \$1,000 to be secured. This looks like business. As above stated everything points to a great tobacco season in Washington.

### LOCAL HIGHS WIN FROM TARBORO

The Washington High School team "did the trick" to the Tarboro High School baseball team at Tarboro, N. C., yesterday afternoon to the tune of 8 to 3. The local team just simply outclassed the Tarboro boys. It was a great victory. It is to be hoped that the Washington boys will give as good an account of themselves in Rocky Mount this afternoon, when they try conclusions with the High school team in that town.

### A CHANGE OF PROGRAMME

Tonight there will be a complete change of program at the New Theater. The Lantana Girls Co. will present "A Manager's Troubles." This little act is full of comedy all the way through. It promises to be the best act that this troupe has put on this week. There will be new songs, and dances, also a complete change of wardrobe. There will be an exceptionally good program of motion pictures. So if you wish to spend a pleasant evening, visit the New Theater and laugh yourself hoarse.

### OLD NORTH STATE IS NOW TAKING LEAD OF OTHERS REGARDING DRAINAGE

What Has Been Accomplished Attracting Attention of People Throughout The Country. Drainage Congress at Savannah April 22-25

(By Joseph Hyde Pratt.) On account of the notices that have been sent out in regard to the National Drainage Congress to be held in Savannah, Georgia, April 22-25, particular attention is now being called to the drainage work that is being done in North Carolina. North Carolina has taken the lead of all the Atlantic Coast States in the question of the reclamation of swamp and overflowed lands; and what she has accomplished and is now being, is attracting the attention not only of the people of the other Atlantic Coast States, but of the people throughout the country.

The total land area of North Carolina is approximately 31,293,600 acres, of which there are about 3,000,000 acres of swamp land, which are confined almost entirely to the eastern part of the State. A large percentage of this land represents some of the most productive areas in the State, and, although this has been realized for years, it is only within the past few years that the reclamation and drainage of these areas has been able to be carried on successfully. A large proportion of the swamp land is sufficiently elevated above the neighboring water courses to make the drainage feasible by gravity. Certain areas, however, are so situated that it is necessary to supplement the gravity drainage with pumping plants, in order to raise the water to outlet canals that can carry it out of the drainage districts.

The General Assembly of 1905 authorized the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey to begin investigations regarding the value of the swamp land for agriculture and the feasibility of draining same. Although the appropriation for this work was very limited, investigations were started as to whether or not the soil of the swamp areas was suitable for agricultural purposes, and where this was proved affirmatively, to determine whether or not such areas could be profitably drained. It was observed almost at the beginning of the investigation that there were very large areas of the swamp land that contained some of the most fertile land in the State; and that the main question to solve was as to the method of drainage of these areas. There were no mechanical difficulties encountered, but there was very serious obstacles met with

at the very outset of the investigation, and that was the lack of adequate laws that would permit the carrying out of the drainage propositions.

An educational campaign was carried on principally in Eastern North Carolina in regard to the drainage of the swamp lands, their value for agricultural purposes, and the benefit the public would derive in the improvement of health conditions. The people responded, and conventions were held which resulted in the organization of the North Carolina Drainage Association and the appointment of a committee to draft a drainage law that would meet the demand for legislation that would enable the drainage propositions to be carried out to their fullest extent. Such a law was drafted, endorsed by the Drainage Association in convention at New Bern in September, 1908, and passed by the General Assembly in March, 1909. This law as stated in the "Preamble" is "An act to Promote the Public Health, Convenience and Welfare by Leveeing, Ditching and Draining the Wet, Swamp and Overflowed Lands of the State and Providing for the Establishment of Levees or Drainage Districts. . . ." This law was statewide in its scope and importance, and this was realized by the General Assembly of 1909, who passed the act by a very large majority, with amendments.

What was the result of the passage of the North Carolina Drainage Law? Almost immediately petitions began to be circulated for drainage districts, and in a very few months districts were organized, contracts let, and actual digging of drainage canals had commenced. Land that had never been cultivated or supposed to be fit for cultivation, and land that had not been cultivated for years, on account of being constantly covered with water, were reclaimed and blossomed in most wonderful crops. Drainage districts have already been completed in Currituck, Chowan, Duplin, Craven, Wilson, Wayne, Pender, Bladen, Columbus and Robeson counties, the areas drained varying from 1500 to 20,000 acres each. Areas of overflowed land have been reclaimed in Lincoln, Catawba, Iredell, Cabarrus and Mecklenburg counties, and in practically all cases the work has been extremely successful.

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### Baraca-Philathea Convention Meets in Durham April 25-28

A gathering of special interest to the young people of the State is the Baraca-Philathea convention, to be held in Durham, April 25-28, beginning Saturday evening with a welcome meeting and "Get Acquainted" social at the Academy of Music and Y. M. C. A., respectively, and closing Tuesday evening with reports of secret service committees, a prayer, praise and testimony service. This has been named the "Secret Service" convention, in view of the fact that the importance of the formation and work of these inner prayer circles in the classes will be the keynote of practically every session.

There are now 1500 organized Baraca and Philathea Bible classes in the State, representing ten Protestant denominations, and aggregating nearly fifty thousand members. The majority of these will send delegates to Durham. All classes of whatever membership up to fifty are entitled to send two delegates each for free entertainment. Classes of 75 members can send three; of 100 members, four, etc. Quite a number in addition to the regular delegates are expected to attend, and these may secure reduced rates at boarding houses and hotels. Classes from a number of nearby towns have ex-

pressed the intention of chartering special cars for the purpose of giving entire classes the privilege of attending the Sunday meetings in a body.

Sunday morning the delegates and visitors may attend the Sunday schools of their choice. At 2:15 Sunday afternoon special meetings will be addressed by Marshall A. Hudson, founder of the movement and president of the World-Wide Baraca-Philathea Union, and by Miss Henrietta Heron, vice-president of the World-Wide Union and editor of various publications issued by the David C. Cook Publishing Company. Following these, at 3:15 the entire delegation, together with the classes of the city en masse, will form in grand parade, marching through the city streets to the sacred music of brass bands. It is believed there will be at least 2000 in this parade, many of whom will carry pennants and banners with the names of the classes, city and county unions, inscribed thereon. The paraders will later march into the Academy of Music, where the convention sermon will be preached by

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It's Restful in Washington Park.

### SHILOH DAY BE OBSERVED HERE FRIDAY

There will be a meeting of Families Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, at the rooms of the Public Library tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. This meeting is of especial importance as there will be voluntary contributions for the Shiloh monument and also an attractive program will be carried out in honor of the day. At this meeting the proposed Memorial day program will be presented and discussed. All the members of the chapter are urged to be present.

### WELCOME VISITOR.

Among the welcome visitors to Washington today is Mrs. George G. Howard, of Oronoke, N. C., who for many years was an honored citizen. She is the guest of her son, Mr. George N. Howard, on Bonner street. Mrs. Howard is en route to South Creek, N. C., where she expects to spend several days.

### MISS CHARLES HOSTESS FOR MISS BRAGAW

After the Halcyon club dance Wednesday evening last Miss Augusta Charles entertained at supper in honor of Miss Katie Blount Bragaw and Mr. Edmund Harding, whose marriage will take place in June. Miss Bees Conoley and Mr. John Bonner, Miss Mary Hill and Mr. William Blount, Miss Eliza Branch and Mr. William Patrick, Miss Augusta Charles and Mr. Robert Small were the couples present to meet Miss Bragaw and Mr. Harding.

The decorations were in yellow and white in the table appointments as well as throughout the four-course supper. The place cards were diminutive brides and grooms, each bearing some appropriate toast or message of love suitable for the occasion, read beneath the soft glow of many candles, were the cause of much merriment. The hostess was graciousness itself and the occasion was one of the most enjoyable functions of the Easter season.