

## SALUTE AMERICAN FLAG IS REFUSED

### Huerta Flatly Refuses Salute American Flag; No Further Parleying DISPUTE WITH MEXICO APPEARS CLOSED

#### President Wilson Appears Before Congress Today at Noon for Purpose of Upholding American Honor. Uncle Sam's War Dogs Will Enforce Respect. Due the Stars and Stripes. The Cabinet Met in Special Session This Morning.

#### Colonel W. C. Rodman With His Regiment Ready To Respond at call of Government at a Moment's Notice-The Naval Militia Will be in Line. Huerta Has Seemingly Blasted All Hopes For Peace. War Is Imminent.

Washington is all excitement today over the contemplated trouble with Mexico, and judging by the many expressions on the streets every citizen practically is ready and anxious to take up arms under the Stars and Stripes.

Some think that Huerta is only bluffing, while others express a contrary opinion. No matter which way the tide turns North Carolina is ready to answer the call of the President.

Eagerness is stamped upon the countenances of all citizens; excitement reigns supreme and if war is declared no citizen will be found "kicking" towards going to the front.

With the approaches to the capitol building at Washington City blocked with excitement rampant and with the entire country on tip-toe for war or no war, the situation presents a question almost akin to a crisis. Whatever President Wilson and Congress does it can be assured that the American people are ready to back it up to a man, be the shedding of blood or what-not. Huerta has said NO, and this country means to bring him to terms. What the outcome will be is conjecture, suffice it to say, the Stars and Stripes will be respected to the opinion of the Mexican government, notwithstanding. Clouds are gathering thick and fast for the neighbor below us.

Gen. Victoriano Huerta, provisional President of Mexico, flatly refused last night to accede to the unconditional demands of the United States that he salute the American flag, and Congress will be asked by President Wilson for authority to use armed forces to uphold the honor and dignity of the nation.

Negotiations with Huerta over the demand for a salute in reparation for the arrest of the American blue-jackets at Tampico, on April 19, came to a close at 6 o'clock last night, the last hour given by President Wilson for a favorable response from the Mexican dictator. The final word of Huerta to Charge O'Shaughnessy was a refusal to comply, unless the United States would guarantee in writing that his salute would be returned.

President Wilson at midnight was on his way to Washington from White Sulphur Springs, preparing to read a message to Congress in joint session as early as it can be arranged today. In the meantime American war fleets were moving down both coasts on their way to Mexican waters to carry out the President's plan for reprisal.

The crisis thus reached does not mean that there will be a formal declaration of war, because the United States could not declare war against the government which it does not recognize. President Wilson will seek authority, however, to send armed forces into Mexico to seize the ports of Tampico and Vera Cruz and the railroad lines leading from Vera Cruz toward Mex-

ico City.

The President directed that a cabinet meeting be called for 10:30 o'clock today when final arrangements for a pacific blockade of Mexican ports in the President's program will be deliberated. The branch that finally has come with Mexico will make it possible, it was declared on high authority, for the United States to further protect foreigners in that republic and foreign governments have been notified of the situation in this regard.

The President, it was declared, not only would ask Congress for authority to use the armed forces to uphold the honor of the nation, but also for an appropriation, a deficiency already having been created because of expensive naval operations in anticipation of Huerta's defiance of this government.

The President probably will ask further that the Senate pass the volunteer act which already has passed the House providing for pressing into regular service the militia regiments in various States.

In preparation for the crisis that must be met, Senator Shively, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, and Representative Flood, chairman of the House foreign affairs committee, called meetings of these committees, today.

Representative Flood, who is on his honeymoon, telephoned from New York, that he would return immediately.

Just before midnight Secretary Bryan issued this statement:

"A little after 11 o'clock last night a brief dispatch came from Charge O'Shaughnessy at Mexico City, saying that the President's demand of yesterday had been communicated to the foreign minister and was being carried by him to Gen. Huerta. The foreign minister asked O'Shaughnessy whether, in case Gen. Huerta acceded to the demand, a protocol would be signed providing for a return of the salute. The following dispatch was sent to O'Shaughnessy, in substance:

"President Wilson is out of the city. Impossible to reach him before 8 a. m. tomorrow. Am certain that he would not consent to have you sign the protocol mentioned in your telegram. The salute should be fired without any agreement as to its return. The United States of America can be relied on, according to international and courtesy, to do its duty. The signing of the protocol would be objectionable, in addition to other reasons, because of the fact that it might be construed as recognition of the Huerta government, whereas the President has no intention of recognizing that government.

"Early this morning a dispatch was received from Charge O'Shaughnessy saying that Gen. Huerta was willing to accede to the demand of Admiral Mayo, providing a protocol was signed, and setting forth a copy of the proposed protocol. Charge O'Shaughnessy asked whether he was authorized to sign it. I communicated with President Wilson by telephone and at his direction sent a telegram to Mr. O'Shaughnessy of which (Continued on page four.)

### A CABARAT SHOW HERE ON MAY 14

The Public Library Financial Committee met Saturday afternoon in the rooms of the Public Library at 5 o'clock. This committee has decided upon a very unique plan for securing funds for the library. Mrs. F. H. Rollins presided at the meeting and the prospects are more than propitious for a great campaign here during the next few months for this most worthy cause. It is proposed to have a cabaret show in the Elks' Home on or about May 14. However, the date will be announced definitely later.

### SAW THIRTY BATTLES IN LATE WAR

Speros Diamond, one of the proprietors of the Greek Cafe here, returned Saturday from Epirus, Greece, where he went sixteen months ago to answer the call of his country for volunteers to engage in the Balkan-Turkish war. Mr. Diamond was a member of the infantry for a period of fourteen months. During his term of service he engaged in thirty battles. He took part in all the engagements from first to last. The first battle in which he engaged was at Vellatino, in which the Greeks won.

### FIVE CASES FOR TRIAL

Mayor Frank C. Kagler held a very interesting court at the City Hall this morning at 10 o'clock.

Those tried for violations of the city ordinances were:

Joseph Lewis was indicted for being drunk. He was adjudged guilty and fined \$5 and cost.

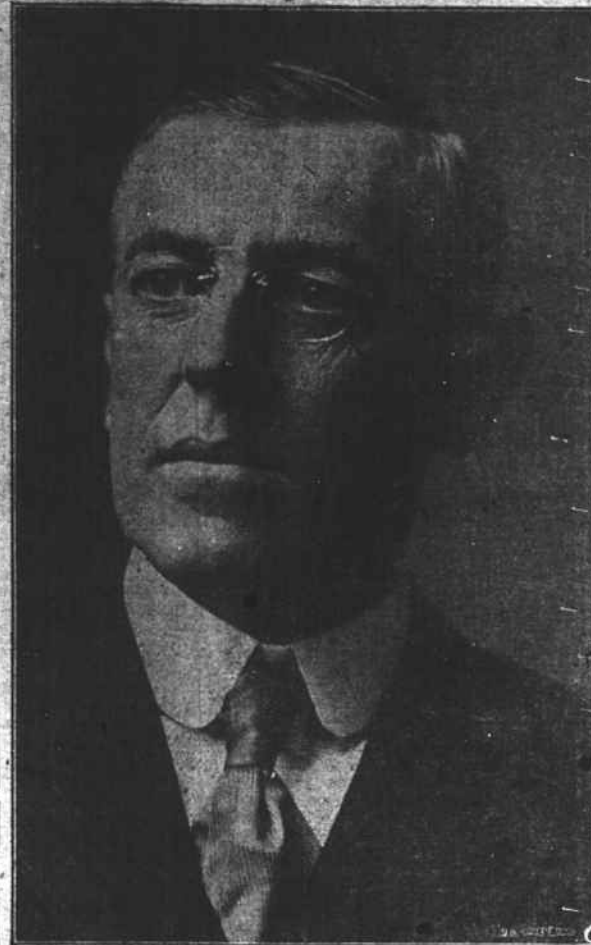
Robert Odmond was charged with being drunk. Being found guilty he was fined \$5 and cost.

Frank Teel, drunk; fined \$5 and cost.

Simon Reed was charged with carrying concealed weapons. He was adjudged guilty and bound over to Recorder Windley.

W. Ellison, speeding automobile, guilty; fined \$2 and cost.

President Woodrow Wilson



THE MAN OF THE HOUR

### COL. W. C. RODMAN TENDERS THE SERVICE OF THE SECOND REGIMENT TO GOVERNMENT

If war comes with Mexico rest assured Washington will be represented, provided the government needs its citizens. We have always been to the forefront to defend the flag and this time history will repeat itself.

In view of the delicate situation in Mexico and the tugs in affairs looking towards a conflict, Col. Wiley C. Rodman, this morning, by wire, tendered the services of the Second Regiment to Adjutant General Young. Colonel Wiley C. Rodman says that he can mobilize his regiment at very short notice.

Commander Charles L. Morton, of the First Battalion, North Carolina Naval Militia, has wired his individual services to the adjutant general.

Lieutenant (S. R.) W. B. Rodman, Jr., of the Sixth Division, North Carolina Naval Militia, has wired the adjutant general not only his services, but in addition that of his officers and men.

If war comes old North Carolina can be depended upon to do her duty and none will be more loyal to "Old Glory" than those of Beaufort county.

### SERMON WAS ENJOYED BY HIS HEARERS

The third sermon on education being delivered in the city by the respective pastors was preached at the First Presbyterian church yesterday morning by the pastor, Rev. H. B. Seagrave, to a large and attentive audience. The subject of the speaker was: "Christian Education." The discourse was delivered in a way to attract and hold attentively those present. Mr. Seagrave made a deep impression for the cause of education has a warm supporter in this worthy man of God. Sunday evening the pastor continued his series of sermons on the "Representative Women of the Bible," using Esther as his topic.

The closing sermons on education will be delivered by Rev. N. Harding next Sunday morning and by Rev. E. M. Snipes next Sunday evening in their respective churches.

### VISITORS TODAY

Among the visitors to Washington today are W. M. Butt, of Bonham, N. C., and W. A. Buys, of Belhaven, N. C.

### MRS. DUMAY ENTERTAINED SAT. NIGHT

Mrs. A. M. Dumay, one of Washington's popular and highly esteemed citizens charmingly entertained at auction bridge at her home on West Main street, Saturday evening last from nine to twelve in honor of Mrs. Stanton, of Wilson, N. C., who is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Gorham. Two tables were used and during the evening delicious and tempting refreshments were served. All present repaired to their respective homes after spending an evening long to be remembered. The hostess was graciousness itself and again proved her charms as an entertainer.

### IS CONVALESCENT.

The friends of Deputy Marshal W. M. Cooper, of Old Ford, N. C., who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Washington Hospital will be pleased to learn that he is now convalescent and bids fair to right soon be able to resume his business duties.

### DISCOURSE OF DR. GIBBS CAPTIVATES

Rev. J. T. Gibbs, D. D., presiding elder of the Washington district filled the pulpit at the First Methodist church Sunday evening and as usual delivered an eloquent and thoughtful discourse from the text, "I Am the Lord Thy God." As a speaker Dr. Gibbs stands among the first of his church in the State, and his coming to Washington in his official capacity is always looked forward to by the congregation of the Methodist church with pleasure. Yesterday was the occasion of the Second Quarterly Conference for this church. The official body of the church are requested to meet the presiding elder in the baraca room this evening. Yesterday morning the pastor, Rev. E. M. Snipes preached to the delight of his congregation.

It's Restful in Washington Park.

### PRIZE FOR BEST ESSAY HAS COME

The prize which is to be presented by the Daughters of the Confederacy to that member of the graduating class of the Washington public schools at the approaching commencement submitting the best essay on some phase of North Carolina local history has arrived. The rivalry for this prize has already become spirited among the members of the graduating class and the one declared the winner will have just cause to feel more than proud.

Andrew Love Washington Park.

### "PEERLESS" MINSTRELS AT NEW THEATER

Commencing tonight the management of the New Theater have engaged for the entire week as a feature attraction one of the best shows of the season. The "Peerless Minstrels" have the reputation of being one of the best shows of its kind on the road today. There are seven people in the cast including Billy Max, weel, Bob Shaw, Billy Tierney, Rae Lauzetta, Mamie Hartzell, Gertrude Cox and Helen Lee. This clever company will give a complete change of program each night. In addition to this clever company there will be two reels of excellent pictures each night. The prices will remain the same, 10 and 20 cents.

This is positively one of the best shows ever presented at this price. There is no doubt but that standing room will prevail. The management of the New Theater have booked for this season several companies equally as good as this one. Be sure and attend tonight.

On Friday night this house will pull off a stunt that has never been done here before. Although it is done every week in the large cities of the East. They will have a surprise night, in which there will be given away absolutely free fifty presents. You should not miss this for anything, as there is lots of fun in it whether you get a present or not.

### MAKING IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. Z. N. Leggett is making decided improvements to his residence on West Second street.

### TEMPERANCE RALLY HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday will be a temperance rally day for Washington. Rev. R. L. Davis, secretary of the State Anti-Saloon League is expected to be present. On Sunday morning Mr. Davis will preach at the First Methodist church and on Sunday evening will fill the pulpit at the First Baptist church. Sunday afternoon there will be a mass meeting in the New Theatre at which time Mr. Davis will make the principal address.

### U. D. C. HELD GOOD MEETING SATURDAY

The Daughters of the Confederacy held a very enthusiastic meeting at the rooms of the Public Library Saturday afternoon last at 4 o'clock. "Shiloh Day" for the fourth year was fittingly observed by the chapter with appropriate essays on the famous battle and several poems were read by the different members. A very satisfactory collection was taken towards the erection of the monument, which will be the first to be erected on the battlefield for the Confederacy. The monument when finished will mean an outlay of \$50,000.

The committee of arrangements for Memorial day submitted the proposed program, which was approved. The different committees were named to carry out the program. These committees as well as the program will be announced through this paper at a later date.

### "LEOPARDS" SPOTS HERE SAT. NIGHT

On Saturday night of this week New Theater will have on its boards the well known play of Thomas Dixon, "The Leopard Spots." This troupe was through this State last fall, but owing to the fact that this theater was not finished, Mr. Dixon had to come back here this spring on his way back North. The "Leopard Spots" has met with unusual success all of this season. It is useless to try and praise this play up, as every one in the country all ready knows what a great play that it is. We predict a capacity house for them on Saturday.

### ALLIGATOR TO BE SEEN 5 & 10c STORE

The Five and Ten Cent Store has quite a curiosity in their show window in the way of an alligator just from Ocala, Florida. His alligatorship measures about 18 inches and according to Mr. Jacobs, the manager, who by the way, has made a study of the life and customs of alligators for a number of years, and is very proud of his knowledge, the animal's age is 3 years old, and is as lively as a cricket and takes his morning and evening bath with seeming gusto, to the delight of the many curiosity seekers who never fail, in passing the store, to loiter and watch his tricks. Mr. Alligator seems to be contented among his new friends.