

MEXICAN WAR CLOUDS SCATTERING

Pacific Adjustment Now Looked For By Official Washington

Tension of The Grave Situation Has Been Distinctly
Relieved. Germany, Great Britain and France Advise
Huerta to accept First Step Toward Peace.

OPERATIONS MAY NOW HALT

Already More American Sailors and Marines Have
Been Killed and Wounded Than Were During The
Spanish-American War. General Funston Now In
Command.

Washington.—Signs of peace seem to appear on the Mexican horizon as the action of the Pan-American republics may bring results. It is reported that General Huerta has signified his willingness to the offer of mediation by Argentina, Brazil and Chile to bring about an amicable settlement between the United States and Mexico. The above information was communicated to the Spanish ambassador in Washington city last night and the ambassador transmitted the news to the three Pan-American representatives. The tension of the Mexican situation is greatly relieved by Huerta's willingness.

Meanwhile, however, both the army and navy are continuing their efforts to carry for repairs and perfecting the machinery of the army and navy for any unexpected turn of events which might arise.

DANIELS DEPARTING.
"Things seem very much better today," said Secretary of the Navy Joseph Daniels. "We are getting Americans out of Mexico. This is the important thing now."

EVENTS FAR-REACHING.
The consensus of opinion in Latin America, and a statement given out by the Pan-American Union, seems to be that the action of Argentina, Brazil and Chile is in many respects the most significant and far-reaching event in the history of the American Republics since the declaration of the Monroe doctrine.

CONGRESS TONING DOWN.
War talk in Congress has been supplanted by a spirit of conciliation pending the mediation negotiations. There are still surface breaks mostly along political lines, but the undercurrent of gossip, which has grown into a formidable sentiment for extreme measures has now almost practically disappeared.

It was quite generally felt, however, that too wide a gulf now exists between the standpoint of the United States and that of General Huerta to be bridged by the Pan-American mediation. It was said by one of these diplomats, "as if Huerta is to be invited to step out and commit political suicide—and to expect him to accept the invitation."

Those who are participating in the conference of three mediators explained the exact status of the negotiations up to this time as follows:
"The Spanish ambassador's advice from Mexico City are such as to warrant him in stating that General Huerta had accepted the proposals of good offices. The ambassador is now awaiting the formal and official acceptance, and until this is received the three mediators will not begin their formal sessions."

Meanwhile, they have been informed by General Huerta, of General Huerta's purpose and are holding preliminary meetings to consider their line of procedure when the formal acceptance is in hand.

It is stated those who are under taking business of good offices, do so without any commitment on their part as to conditions one way or the other.

When the formalities of acceptance have been concluded, it is expected that each side will formulate conditions and it will then be for the mediators to find common ground for agreement.

Washington.—European diplomats in Washington it was learned yesterday are pessimistic over the successful outcome of mediation proposals by South American governments to prevent war with Mexico.

While the action of Great Britain, Germany and France in urging Huerta to accept the good offices proffered by Brazil, Chile and Argentina has had an encouraging effect upon officials here, there are few who believe that success can eventuate from the undertaking.

At 2 o'clock yesterday Ambassador de Gama and Ministers Suarez and Noan ended a protracted conference as to future procedure in the mediation proposals.

Though no announcement was made, it was reported that no definite plan for the next move had been determined.

MEDIATORS CONFERENCE.
The Spanish ambassador, Mr. Riano, was in early conference with the Argentine minister, Mr. Noan, concerning the next move to be made by the mediators, and Ambassador Da Gama, of Brazil, with Chilean Minister Suarez and Mr. Noan held a lengthy conference.

ALL INTERESTS APPEAL TO UNITED STATES.
Washington.—The Navy Department yesterday received a request from oil interests in New York with property in the Tampico oil district that an American force be sent to rescue one hundred employees now on oil lands about seventy-five miles southwest of Tampico.

MORE THAN SPANISH WAR.
Washington.—A larger number of American sailors and marines have been officially reported by Rear Admiral Fletcher as killed and wounded in the first three days of American investment of Vera Cruz than were killed and wounded in the navy and marine corps during the entire Spanish-American war.

NORTH CAROLINA READY.
Raleigh.—Adjutant General Young said that all companies of three North Carolina Guard regiments heard from had reported a minimum strength of 53 men for service at once. The North Carolina Guard, it is said, is ready to enter the service as a unit.

HUERTA MUST GO.
Washington.—Since the announcement of the acceptance of the mediation proposals by this government there have been misunderstandings as to what the original agreement as to good offices involved.

The fact is that no formal conditions have been made, but in informal conferences at the White House before the acceptance of the offer of mediation, participated in by members of the Senate and House and other government officials, it is clearly understood that when a stage might be reached upon which the mediator would be asked to stipulate terms of negotiation the government would not agree to anything which did not mean the eventual elimination of Huerta from control of the Mexican government's affairs. But no formal stipulations of this kind have been made, nor can there be until a more advanced stage in negotiations (Continued on Page Four.)

STORE AFIRE THIRD TIME YESTERDAY

Brown Building Caught Again
—This Time It Was Guffed.
Loss to Building and Stock
Will Aggregate \$100.

It looks as if the Brown store building on West Main street and occupied by D. F. Sawyer, groceryman, is determined to go up in flames anyhow. Yesterday afternoon between 8 and 7 o'clock the building was first discovered to be on fire for the third time. The blaze was first seen in the roof. The alarm was quickly given and the department responded promptly especially the volunteer hose auto truck. The building was gutted as the department was determined this time to extinguish for all every vestige of the blaze. The building has been afire three times within twenty-four hours. The damage to the building will aggregate several hundred dollars and Mr. Sawyer who occupied it, places his damage yesterday afternoon to about \$50. He carried no insurance.

TWENTY NINE COMPOSE THE CHAIN GANG

Beaufort county now has twenty-nine composing its chain-gang, engaged in working the public roads. Of this number one is white. Two were added to the list yesterday.

The gang is now working the public roads near Pinetown, N. C., and the camp is located within the corporate limits of that town.

WORK WILL COMMENCE NOW SHORTLY

It is expected that within the next few days all the material for the addition to the Beaufort County Tobacco Warehouse will be on the ground. The addition proposed will be 80 by 150 feet, which will make the warehouse 300 by 80.

In addition to increasing the capacity of this warehouse the stockholders proposed to erect at least 150 stables for the use of the farmers. Every indication points to a great tobacco market for Washington the coming season.

Rare Treat In Store For The Citizens

The bacchalaurea sermon before the graduating class of the Washington Public Schools will be delivered in the school auditorium next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The preacher will be Rev. J. C. Caldwell, president of the Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C. For this service all the respective churches of the city will close their doors on Sunday evening and their congregations attend. The music will be furnished by the respective choirs composed of about sixty voices. There will be a rehearsal at the choir tomorrow night at the school auditorium and all the members are urged to be present.

The commencement exercises of the schools will take place Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 6, 7 and 8.

MAY TERM OF THE SUPERIOR COURT MAY 4

Will Be For Period of Two Weeks, First Week Being
For Criminal Cases, Four
Murder Trials on Docket.

The next term of Beaufort County Superior Court will convene in the Court House this city, beginning next Monday, and will be for a term of two weeks. The first week will be for the trial of criminal cases and the second week for civil. Judge Garland S. Ferguson, of Waynesville, N. C., will preside and Solicitor Ebringhaus, of Elizabeth City, will prosecute the State docket. There are four murder cases on the docket, being State vs. Joshua W. Mills; State vs. R. H. Miles; State vs. Bill Branch, and State vs. Gus Alexander. The last two defendants are colored. The court promises to be one of the largest held in Beaufort county in years.

Children Love Washington Park.

Lightning Next To RR's For Fires

Exhaustive inquiry has established the fact that lightning ranks next to railroads as a source of forest fires. Forest officers say that the increasing care with fire on the part of the railroads and the public generally tends to make lightning the largest single contributing cause.

This statement represents a change of view from that held less than a decade ago in this country, when forest journals gravely argued whether lightning caused forest fires, though it was known that trees were the objects most often struck. Trees are said to be often struck simply because they are so numerous, and extending upward they shorten the distance between the ground and the clouds; further, their branches in the air and roots well into the earth invite electrical discharges.

While certain trees are said to invite lightning, and others to be immune from strokes, it seems to be a fact that any kind of tree will be struck, and the most numerous tree species in any locality is the one most likely to suffer.

Other things being equal, lightning seeks the tallest tree, or an isolated tree, or one on high ground. A deep-rooted tree is a better conductor than a shallow-rooted one, and a tree full of sap, or wet with rain, is of course a better conductor than a dry one.

Lightning sets fires by igniting the tree itself, particularly when it is dead, or partly decayed and punky, or by igniting the dry humus or duff at its base. The forest soil, when dried out, ignites readily, because it is made of partly decayed twigs and leaves, and it can hold a smoldering fire for a considerable period. It is probable that most of the lightning-set fires start in the duff.

In the mountains of Southern California, Arizona, and New Mexico, there are likely to be each year a number of electrical disturbances known as "dry thunder storms." They come at the end of the long dry season, and being unaccompanied by rain are very likely to start many serious fires. For this reason the forest service has to keep up its maximum fire fighting strength in these regions until the rains are fully established. In the plans and organization for fire fighting the service is particularly to catch these unpreventable lightning-set fires at the time they start.

WENT TO GREENVILLE.

Dr. D. T. Taylor, Joshua Taylor and E. M. Brown went to Greenville this morning via automobile, where they are to testify in the Pollard-Smith murder trial now in progress at that town.

It's Boozed in Washington Park.

ITS ANNUAL NOTICE TO TEACHERS

Those Attending The University Summer School
Can Secure Degrees of
Bachelor of Arts.

(By S. E. Winters.)
Chapel Hill, April 28.—In its yearly announcement to the teachers of the State the University Summer School carries the information that hereafter students in the school successful in required courses of study can secure degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. Twenty-two of the courses offered by the school will count as credits to students seeking academic degrees. Undergraduates can secure college credits of from 2 to 4 hours during the session and graduates of standard colleges can secure the Master of Arts degree for four summers' study. Other than the usual subjects taught these topics will receive due emphasis during the coming Summer School, agriculture, nature study, botany and agricultural chemistry. These regular class-room subjects will be supplemented by the conduct of two conferences for the benefit of the rural life workers, a solid week being devoted to particular rural life study. Indications are that the Summer School session beginning June 16 and ending July 29 will be a significant one. It promises to go forward another notch in both growth of numbers enrolled and achievements accomplished. Director N. W. Walker notes that for a period of seven years the growth of the enrollment of 800 in 1913.

Representing the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, Rev. O. L. Stringfield, assistant superintendent of the temperance organization, occupied the pulpits of the village churches Sunday, speaking in the Baptist church Sunday morning and in the Methodist church at the evening service. A placard bearing these dazzling sentences announced the coming of the temperance ministers: "Search and Seizure Law Makes Blind Tigers Go! The Webb Law Makes Jugs Go! Public Sentiment Says Drinking Must Go! National Prohibition is Coming."

Dr. John H. Latone, professor of history of Johns Hopkins University, in an address this week to University students, advocated the retention of the Monroe Doctrine, advancing the opinion that there was no reason for the repudiation of the doctrine. The Baltimore College professor outlined three safeguards upon which the Monroe Doctrine justified its continued existence, protectorship over Latin America, opposition to European possession, and the demand that governments within this area must be republican principle.

CABARET AT ELKS' HOME ON MAY 1ST

The cabaret billed for the Elks' Home on the evening of May 21 for the benefit of the Public Library bids fair to not only be a unique affair, but one of interest as well. There will be fifty tables presided over by Washington's beautiful young ladies and delicious refreshments will be served.

The young men should get busy at once and engage their seats as the outlook is that they will be at a premium. One of the features of the occasion will be a continuous performance. A gala time is expected and should be generously patronized as it is for a worthy cause.

NEARS COMPLETION.

The handy home of Mr. E. Hoyt Moore, 2 West Main street, nears completion.

ONE OF BEST COMEDY CO'S NEW THEATRE

Bartles Musical Company In
First Performance Gave a
Creditable Act. Audience
Present Were Delighted.

That the citizens of Washington always appreciate a good, clean and up-to-date show was fully demonstrated by the hearty applause given the initial performance of the Bartles Musical Comedy Company at the New Theatre last night. This clever company of artists presented an act from start to finish that was laughable, high class and one in which to please and satisfy the most fastidious critics. The comedians are "there with the goods," keeping the audience convulsed with laughter all the while, while the lady members must be complimented on their singing and appearance. Especially pleasing was the singing of the Empire Quartet. Their stunt was such as that they received several encores. Another feature was the harmony singing of the entire company. It is indeed a laugh every minute from the rising of the curtain to the fall.

The management has engaged the Bartles Musical Company for the entire week and it is announced that there will be an entire change of program each evening. The show is composed of ten people, all of whom are certainly artists in their role. A large audience greeted them last night and no doubt it will be repeated tonight. As usual first class movies will precede the vaudeville.

WASHINGTON VS. NEW BERN AT THE PARK

As the Daily News goes to press the High School teams of Washington and New Bern are trying conclusions on the ball diamond at Fleming Park, West Third street. Quite a large number are witnessing the contest. We go to press too early to give the result of the game. Both teams are strong this season and no doubt an exciting contest is being waged.

VISITORS TO THE CITY.

Among the visitors to the city today are Dr. L. H. Schubert, Aurora; J. H. Davenport, Acro; D. U. Martin, Royal, N. C. They returned to their respective homes on the afternoon train.

THREE-YEAR-OLD STARTS OFF TO WAR.

Salisbury, April 28.—Declaring that he was going to the Mexican war Wayne Dutters, a 3-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Dutters, of Salisbury slipped off from his home and was found by an officer as he was in the act of boarding a south-bound passenger train at the depot yesterday. He asserted his determination to help fight for Uncle Sam, although he did not complain when taken in charge by Policeman Thompson as a prisoner of war. He was returned to his parents.

HAVE MOVED.

Mr. R. J. Dillon and family have moved from Market street between Main and Second streets to one of the Orleans residences on Gladden street.

And the Lis Nine Hundred.

The principal difference between a cat and a lion is that a cat has only nine lives.—Mark Twain.

FIRST OF SEASON.

Robert Mitchell, colored, seems to be the champion tomato raiser of this section. This morning he was exhibiting a bush upon which were fourteen full grown "Little Giant" tomatoes.

THOS. BELL GETS TERM 12 MONTHS

Tried Before Recorder Yesterday Afternoon For
Accosting Nurse at Hospital.
H. Aldridge Sent to Roads.

Thomas Bell, colored, who accosted Miss Barnhill, one of the nurses at the Fowle Memorial Hospital, Sunday morning between 1 and 2 o'clock, a full account of which appeared in the Daily News yesterday afternoon, and who was shot at by the nurse five times, was given a hearing before Recorder W. B. Windley, at the City Hall yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Bell was found guilty and the judgment of the court was that he serve a term of twelve months on the public roads of the county.

Moses Staton was before the recorder upon the charge of an assault, being bound over from the Mayor's Court yesterday morning. He was attached with the cost.

Herbert Aldridge, colored, who hails from Bragaw, was indicted for the larceny of two suits of clothes and a pair of shoes from the commissary at that place. He was adjudged guilty and sentenced to the roads for a term of eight months.

THE LYRIC PLEASES THE AUDIENCE

The Lyric Theater had a record-breaking crowd last night with standing room at a premium and the management is to be congratulated on the high class pictures spread upon the curtain. There were three reels of movies that interested and entertained all during the evening. There will be entire change of the pictures for tonight. This popular play-house under the new management is sustaining its well earned former reputation for first-class performances.

STONES FOR VETERANS NOW HERE

The full program for the Memorial day exercises will be announced through this paper within the next few days. The main exercises of the day are to take place in the New Theater at 10 o'clock, Saturday, May 9, and the address will be delivered by Mr. R. V. Taylor, of Mobile, Ala. After the exercises in the theater have been concluded the parade will form and march to Oakdale cemetery, where the graves of the veterans will be decorated and the stones recently purchased by the Daughters of the Confederacy suitably dedicated. The parade will then re-form and march back to the armory on Market street, where dinner will be served.

The stones to the number of 125 have arrived and will be placed at the graves of all Confederate soldiers in Beaufort county. A great day is anticipated.

MAKING PREPARATIONS.

All the delegates to the State Federation of State Women's Club which is to meet in Fayetteville on May 4 are now making preparations to attend. It is expected that several will attend from here. The O'Henry Book Club here recently joined the federation. Quite an interesting meeting is looked for.