

## HOVERING WAR CLOUDS MAY PASS

### Seven Americans Are Reported Executed By Mexican Federals

Mexican President Fearing Death Is Said To Be Hiding In Legation at Mexico City.

### NEITHER SIDE MAKE TERMS

Notwithstanding The Peace Proposals The Marines Still Sail For Mexico. Have Little Time For Play.

Washington.—Although the report has been widely circulated and discussed the plan has its drawbacks to the effect that the South American intermediaries visit the Republic of Mexico and talk with General Huerta face to face with the effort in view to settle the difficulty. It is stated that although the plan is feasible, it will require quite a long time. Notwithstanding the overtures of peace the United States is still continuing its war plans and activity is tangible in both the navy and army departments. A cabinet meeting was held today, but the outcome of the deliberations were not disclosed. It is stated upon good authority that the Mexican crisis now centers on the issue between those seeking ground for adjustment and those who still believe that war is still inevitable.

bluer, the stars seem nearer, the light airs are warmer. The forest green alders, so welcome off Cape Henry are stowed. The fire hose is brought on the forward deck and fifty marines have a bath at one stroke. The men sleep about in the open without the blankets and tarpaulins needed farther north. Hardly well set up, chaps all of them, some veterans of the Philippines, Nicaragua, Santo Domingo and even some of the march to Peking. On Sunday business stops, no drills, no sparring, no calisthenics. HYMNS ARE SUNG. Typewriters have been used to print services, Psalms, responses and hymns, and from different quarters one can hear a hundred lusty voices lifted up, chorusing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and mingling with the notes of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

AGAINST HUERTA. President Huerta of Mexico, according to dispatches, fearing death, has said to have hid in the legation at Mexico City. The more friendly attitude displayed in Mexico City towards the foreigners has explained that the rebel supporters in Mexico City had already taken steps to change public opinion.

READY FOR ANYTHING. This expedition of marines under command of Colonel Franklin J. Moses, which probably will become part of the force camped in the tropical sun of Vera Cruz, should reach its destination probably Wednesday. Whether it is dull garrison duty or the exhilaration of the trenches, the marines always go prepared.

On the forward deck and on the shade deck is quite another scene. Long lines of khaki men drill in formations which limited space will allow. Inspection and instruction follow each other, and these are un-embarrassed and drilled, recruits are taught the mysteries of semaphore signalling, the principles of sanitation, the fundamentals of the business which is to be theirs.

On the upper cabin a group of officers is gathered on the long benches, like school boys taking lessons in Spanish, some refreshing the knowledge of earlier days and others learning their first propositions using a green latex piano cover as a blackboard, an instructor gives such conversational phrases as company commanders are likely to need.

They afterwards left for the south to join other federal forces supposed to be operating between Nuevo Laredo and Monterrey.

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### IS LEADING LADY



Miss Myrtle Bartles With Bartles Musical Company

### HOME BOY AT THE FRONT IN MEXICO

One of Washington's boys is now at Vera Cruz as a member of the North Atlantic fleet, in the person of T. G. Woolard, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Woolard. He is a seaman on the battleship South Carolina now stationed at Vera Cruz.

Mr. Woolard in a letter to his mother, states that he arrived at Vera Cruz, April 23, and almost immediately a battalion from the ship went ashore. All the members of the crew are said today, to quote from the letter, as two of our men were killed and three wounded. This occurred as they were charging an old water tank. All the boys on the ship are doing excellent work and ready to do or dare for the Stars and Stripes. The Chester shelled the town yesterday. We have captured four Mexican transports loaded with soldiers. Don't be uneasy for I am not on the beach.

Thus another brave Beaufort country boy is showing his colors in southern soil. All honor to him.

### TO ENTERTAIN BOOK CLUB THURSDAY

Mrs. George T. Leach will be hostess to the O. Henry Book Club at her charming home tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Mr. Leach always entertains with a graciousness that is enviable and on this occasion she will prove her former reputation. A full attendance of all the members is desired.

Children Love Washington Park. VISITOR TODAY. Among the welcome visitors to Washington today is Mr. W. E. Proctor, of the firm of J. O. Proctor & Co., Baltimore, Md.

### WAS HOSTESS TO CIRCLE LAST NIGHT

Miss Annie Bridgman entertained the Silver Circle of the First Methodist church at her home, East Main street, last evening, and the occasion proved one of pleasure and merriment to those present. The gracious hostess during the evening served ice cream and cake. The ladies of the church have obligated to raise one dollar each week for the church and the Silver Circle organized by the ladies is one of the means towards this end. Ten lady members of the church were present last evening, and, of course, the contemplated dollar was in evidence. The function was thoroughly enjoyed.

BRYAN DECLARES TENSION IS LESS. Washington, April 28.—"The tension seems to be less," said Secretary Bryan, as he returned to the State Department this afternoon from the cabinet meeting. "Americans are being moved out of Mexico City without interruption." Mr. Bryan explained that he had not yet received the text of General Huerta's acceptance of the mission proposal and that Ambassador Riano had merely explained orally that mediation was acceptable to General Huerta.

### INSTITUTE WILL CLOSE MAY 29-30

The Washington Collegiate Institute will have its closing exercises on May 29-30. While there will be commencement exercises this year as this is the first year of the school and no graduating class, in all probability there will be some noted speaker to deliver an address to the students.

The institute will open for the fall session September 16 next and the prospects are that there will be an increased attendance in all departments. Miss Rhea Bryan of the department of expression and elocution returned yesterday from Wilmington, N. C., where she has been spending a few days with a school friend.

### THE LYRIC LAST NIGHT WAS PACKED

The Lyric Theater last night was again crowded with patrons wishing to enjoy an evening of pleasure and those attending were more than repaid as the pictures presented were first-class in every respect. They were pronounced by those present as among the best seen at this popular playhouse.

Since the new management has assumed control the patrons have been flocking to the Lyric and they have been universal in their praise for the high class performances. There will be an entire change of program for tonight. The Lyric now is only showing pictures at a price in keeping with the average man's purse. Attend the Lyric tonight. It will pay you.

HERE FOR TREATMENT. Mrs. Julius Fleming, of Pactola, N. C., arrived in the city yesterday for the purpose of entering the Washington Hospital for treatment.

### Local High School Team Wreaked Sweet Vengeance

### MOTORCYCLE RIDER DEAD BY ACCIDENT

A dispatch from Newport News, Va., where the Krause Carnival Company is showing this week, gives the following account of the motorcycle rider, Phelps, being either seriously injured or killed. The rider is well known in Washington. His partner is now in the Washington Hospital suffering from a broken thigh.

The story of the affair in Newport News, Va., follows: Newport News, Va.—Flirting with death at every turn, Jesse "Dare, devil" Phelps, about 23 years of age, one of the motor-cycle riders at the motordrome at Krause's carnival shows, became careless while riding around the top of the motordrome about 10 o'clock last night, and was thrown headlong to the ground, a distance of about 25 feet. The machine, a large twin-cylinder motor-cycle, which was running at a speed of 75 or 80 miles an hour, fell on top of him.

Phelps was rushed to the St. Francis Hospital in Caffee's ambulance, where it was found that he had sustained a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain. He was attended by Dr. W. R. Aylett, who performed an operation on him a short time afterwards, taking a large blood clot from the brain. Phelps was alive at an early hour this morning, but physicians hold but slight chance for his recovery.

### TWO CASES WERE TRIED CITY COURT

There were only two cases before his worship, Mayor Kugler, this morning at the City Hall for trial. Those disposed of were as follows: Lydia Cutler and Mary Staton, colored, were charged with assaulting each other with a bottle and a brick. Both of the defendants were bound over to the recorder for final disposition.

C. S. Wiley was indicted for being drunk and disorderly. Found guilty.

### PROGRAM FOR THE SERMON ON MAY 3RD

On next Sunday evening at the Public School Auditorium the annual sermon will be delivered by President J. C. Caldwell, of the Atlantic Christian College, Wilson. The following program has been arranged: Hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Scripture Lesson, Rev. R. I. Gay. Prayer, Rev. E. M. Snipes. Anthem, "Praise Ye the Lord. Commencement sermon, Rev. Dr. J. C. Caldwell. Anthem, Wagner's Festival Jubilate. Announcements. Hymn, "Spacious Firmament." Benediction, Rev. H. B. Searight. All the respective churches of the city will close in order for their respective congregations to attend this interesting service.

NEARS COMPLETION. The new home of Mr. J. B. Ross on West Second street is nearing completion.

### New Bern Is Defeated By Score of 10 to 3

Game at Fleming Park Yesterday Afternoon Witnessed By a Good Crowd. Weston Pitched Wonderful Ball. Held Visitors Down at All Points.

The Washington High School baseball team wreaked sweet vengeance on the New Bern High School boys when they met their oldtime rivals in Fleming Park yesterday and defeated them by the decisive score of 10 to 3.

Last Tuesday week the boys journeyed to New Bern and were beaten in fine style, 8 to 3. At that time it was thought the limit had been reached; that no team could roll up a larger score except those teams which belong in the ebony league. But the Washington diamond disciples did something that James Jeffries could not do—they "came back" and with such genuine determination as to relegate the high champions to the primeval forest, which, being interpreted, means "back to the woods." The team that licked Raleigh so easily could not win from a school that has been on the athletic stage all the year, and deservedly there. New Bern had high and fond hopes of going to Chapel Hill in the championship contest but now those hopes have gone glimmering. Unless they beat Kingston, they can't go to the Hill unless they go as spectators, which, to be sure, is mighty hard for New Bern, but mighty fine work for Washington's aggregation.

Back to the game yesterday: First inning, no hits, no runs, no errors; but New Bern's pitcher displaying a proneness to throw the ball anywhere, but over the plate. Second inning, Washington goes round twice, then the fun begins. Then singles, triples, two-sackers and near home-runs began to be so common that the umpires suffered from drowsiness. MacSorley was taken out and replaced by Willis, but still the swat-fest continued. Washington was dressed in battling clothes and Walter Johnson in disguise, could not have stopped the youngsters. They were determined to have revenge and have it in large measure.

But New Bern played good ball at times, too. Their greatest weakness was team work; they went up in the air and remained there until the last man was out. Bland at short did some spectacular work and Scales' whip kept our boys from embarrassing the second station too frequently; in fact, he cut down several who are swift of foot and sure in judgment. But brilliant individual playing can't win for a whole team. The pitchers were wild, the players were listless, the team as a whole failed to get in the game or display their usual form. That was the trouble with New Bern. What was the trouble with Washington? Nothing at all, every man played the game, made a few errors, just like the big leaguers do, hit the ball with scendish glee and won the game. Nobody starred, but did his part; that's why we won.

The score by innings: R. H. E. Washington 023 020 210—10 13 4 New Bern 000 102 000—3 6 3 Batteries: Weston and Foushee; MacSorley, Willis and Scales. Umpires, Messrs. Wallace and Brown.

FROM BELHAVEN. Among the visitors arriving here this morning on the Belhaven, Norfolk Southern train were Deputy Sheriff J. C. Duke, Pantego; David Blount, Belhaven, and City Clerk F. S. Windley, Belhaven. They returned to their home on the afternoon train.

DANCING CLASS. At the armory Monday, Wednesday and Thursday night of each week from 8:30 to 10 o'clock. Hesitation waits and one-step a specialty. Private lessons if desired. Those wishing to join the class will please see Miss Lizzie Hill.