

Carranza Declines To Stop Operations Against The Enemy

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It Is Rumored That President Huerta Is Ready To Resign Provided He Can Leave Mexico Safely.

Washington, D. C.—Dispatches from Brigadier-General Funston on the situation at Vera Cruz were the subject of a long conference at the War Department last night between Secretary Garrison and Major General Witherspoon, chief of staff of the army.

It was said General Funston had asked for instructions in view of the hostile attitude of the Mexican army near the city.

TEN THOUSAND MEXICANS NEAR

Earlier in the day the general had reported that the American outposts at Vera Cruz were being watched by Mexicans and there were more than ten thousand Mexican troops encamped in the vicinity.

MEDIATION PROGRESSES. The mediation plans of the South American envoys who are trying to straighten out the troubled affairs of Mexico went steadily forward yesterday, and while there were no formal sessions the mediators conferred during the afternoon and the next step in their proceeding.

The United States, the Huerta government and General Carranza are expected to name their delegates, as requested by the mediators last night, within the next day or two. The delegates for the United States has not yet been selected, but it became known today that it would not be one of the officials closely identified with the government. As the three South American envoys are accredited to the United States this government does not wish to name a government official to deal with them, but to have an outsider who would deal with them without reference to their official relations to the United States.

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JACKSONVILLE MECCA

OF VETERANS.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 4.—All the railway trains and coast steamers arriving here during the past twenty-four hours have brought delegations of visitors to the annual national reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, which is to be formally opened in this city Wednesday. It is confidently expected that by tomorrow at noon twenty-five thousand visitors will be here to attend the gathering. They come from every section of the South and include, in addition to the soldiers who wore the gray, hundreds of the daughters and sons of veterans.

Large reception committees are stationed at the depots and steamboat piers to welcome the arrivals and escort them to their quarters. To accommodate this multitude the to the utmost, while every available capacity of the hotels is being tested, a rooming house has been called into requisition. Many of the visitors are finding quarters in the camp and hundreds of others are being entertained in private homes.

For more than six months the local committees have diligently been preparing for the reunion. Public buildings, business houses and residences throughout the city have blossomed out in gala attire in honor of the occasion. Though the regular proceedings of the reunion will not begin until Wednesday there will be sight-seeing trips and other features to take up the time of the visitors tomorrow.

FROM BELHAVEN.

Mr. T. B. Wallace, of Belhaven, N. C., arrived in the city this morning via the Norfolk Southern train.

Francisco de la Barra, new Mexican minister at Paris, but nothing definite has been heard from Mexico City.

CARRANZA WON'T YIELD. Rafael Zubaran, personal representative of General Carranza, arrived here yesterday and is available as the Carranza delegate, although his particular mission in coming from Carranza is still to be announced, and it is not yet definite that Carranza will go to the extent of naming a delegate to deal with the mediators.

When the delegates of the three parties arrive it is expected the mediators will be ready to take up the crucial issues between the United States and Huerta at least, and if possible between Huerta and Carranza. Whether a plan of adjustment can be worked out is still an open question, even in the minds of the mediators. They expect the delegates from the three parties to assist them to get together on some middle ground. The mediators will continue to be the main body formulating a plan of settlement, as the delegates from the three parties will arrive will have no plenipotentiary powers and will act merely as advisers.

It became definitely established yesterday that General Carranza would not agree to the request of the mediators that he suspend military operations against Huerta pending the mediation proceedings, and the envoys have been advised of this decision. It has been apparent for several days that Carranza intended to push his army southward, but it was not until the last twenty-four hours this was communicated as a finality. It is said this will have no effect on checking the general plans of mediation, which will go steadily forward.

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SERVICES OF YESTERDAY ENJOYABLE

Rev. J. A. Sullivan, of Wilmington, N. C., who is assisting Rev. J. M. McKenzie in a series of meetings at Chocowinity, was in the city this morning shaking hands with his numerous friends.

MEETING PLANS FOR CONGRESS.

Wichita, Kans., May 4.—A statewide gathering is being held here today in the interest of the international dry-farming Congress and the international soil-products exposition, which will be held in this city in October. This meeting is attended by Dr. Henry J. Waters, president of the Kansas Agricultural College and the dry-farming congress; by the international board of governors of the congress; by Gov. George H. Hodges and by many other well known members of the board interested in making a success of the event in October.

SIX CASES DISPOSED OF BY MAYOR

City Treasury Was Enriched To The Amount of Thirty Dollars. Two Indicted For Retailing. Three Drunks.

Mayor Kugler at the city hall this morning disposed of several cases. Those tried were: Nettie Griffin, drunk and disorderly; fined \$10 and cost. Charles Fulcher, drunk; fined \$5 and cost. Will Diggins, disorderly conduct; fined \$5 and cost. Henry Carter, retailing; not guilty. A. C. Anderson, drunk; fined \$10 and cost.

MAY TERM OF SUP. COURT MET TODAY

The May term of Beaufort County Superior Court for a term of two weeks convened in the county court house this morning at ten o'clock with Judge Garland S. Ferguson, of Wayneville, presiding and Solicitor Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City, prosecuting the state docket. There are thirty-nine criminal cases on the docket for trial, four of which are for murder. The first week will be devoted entirely to the trial of criminal causes and the second week to civil.

Judge Ferguson made an excellent charge to the grand jury this morning and was listened to by a large number. His honor is one of the most popular judges on the bench and his coming to Washington is always hailed with pleasure by both the members of the bar and the litigants.

GUEST OF MRS. GORHAM.

Mrs. Henry Baker, of Greenville, S. C., is the guest of Mrs. John Gorham at her home on West Main street.

New Carpet Is Placed In Church

The Payne Memorial Presbyterian church in Nicholsonville has been greatly improved of late, especially the interior. The pews have been treated to a new coat of paint and the ladies have just put down a very handsome carpet.

ATTENDING FEDERATION.

Miss May Belle Small has gone to Fayetteville for the purpose of attending the State Federation of Women's Clubs in that town this week.

MR. H. PEELE DIED SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH

News reached this city yesterday of the death of Mr. H. Peelle at his home in Plymouth, N. C., after an illness of a week or more from pneumonia. Mr. Peelle was about 61 years of age and was the father of Mrs. John W. Oden, of this city. The deceased at the time of his death was engaged in the manufacture of buggies and was one of Plymouth's prominent and popular citizens. He was a consistent member of the Christian church. The funeral took place in Plymouth today.

ON BORDER MEXICO AS REPORTER

Mr. Carl Goerth, Formerly With This Paper War Correspondent For The Texas Papers In Two Skirmishes.

Mr. Carl Goerth, who for several months was city editor of the Daily News, is now again as war correspondent on the Mexican border for several Texas papers. After leaving this paper, Goerth went to Harlingen, Texas, where he has since resided. Since he has been on the border he has been in several skirmishes and to the pleasure of his friends here, he escaped unhurt both times. He expects to get in Huerta's country in another week or so. The following wire was received from him today, which will be read with interest by his friends in Washington:

"Am on Mexican border as war correspondent for Texas papers. Have been in two skirmishes, but got off safe both times. Expect to get in the heart of Mexico in another week or so."

ADDITION TO THE PROGRAM AT LYRIC

In addition to the regular program, three reels of excellent pictures, the Lyric theatre has secured Miss Helen Fredman, the Vest Pocket prima donna. This lady comes highly recommended and it will be well worth your time to hear her. The picture program for tonight consists of "A Thief's Heart," a two reel Pathe Freres feature production, and a "Masked Mixup," a Lubin comedy. The prices are the same, 5 and 10c.

MR. S. C. PEGRAM.

Mr. Samuel C. Pegram, of the firm of Pegram and Watson, hardware, is confined to his home in Washington Park, suffering from an attack of tonsillitis. His condition is reported to be some better today, which will be gratifying to his friends.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The County Board of Education is in monthly session at the court house today.

NEW HOTEL OPENED AT SWAN QUARTER

Mr. W. B. Swindell, the "old reliable hotelier" has again engaged in the hotel business at Swan Quarter, N. C. While his building is not quite complete it is ready for guests. Mr. Swindell for years has been a prominent figure in Hyde county and his reputation as a hotelier is far-reaching. His table always abounds with the choicest of good things and no guest ever leaves his roof without expressing high appreciation for the service rendered. The town of Swan Quarter is to be congratulated upon the fact that Mr. Swindell has again embarked in a business for which he is so well adapted.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular monthly session at the court house this morning for the transaction of business.

ARE INDISPOSED.

The friends of Mrs. J. T. Killingsworth and also her daughter, Miss Minnie, will regret to learn of their indisposition at their home. They are wished a speedy recovery.

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MRS. GASKILL PASSED AWAY SUNDAY AFT.

One of Washington's Honored Citizens Was Great Sufferer Funeral Took Place This Afternoon at 4 O'clock.

Another one of Washington's honored citizens in the person of Mrs. John M. Gaskill, passed away yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at her home on Bonner street after a lingering illness. For the past fourteen months she has been practically an invalid, and for the past ten weeks has been confined to her bed. During all her suffering she was not heard to murmur nor complain—resignation and submission to the Supreme Arbiter was constantly written indelibly on her face.

Before her marriage thirty-three years ago she was known as Miss Augusta Burbank Latham, daughter of the late A. C. and Elizabeth J. Latham. When the end came she had reached her sixty-second milestone and passed away with the consciousness of duty well performed. She leaves a devoted husband and two affectionate children, Alex C. Gaskill and Miss Annie Gaskill and one brother, Mr. A. C. Latham, of Belhaven, N. C., to mourn their loss.

Mrs. Gaskill was a consistent and loyal member of the Presbyterian church and for years one of its leaders. She was also true, tried Confederate and when health permitted, was one of those women always in the forefront to make the last days of those who wore the gray their best and brightest.

In 1852 the deceased first saw God's handiwork. While born in Washington she was reared in the town of New Bern. From girlhood she counted her friends as legion—she was loyal to every trust committed unto her and what she did she did well. Her going has cast a pall of sadness over the entire community. Peace to her ashes.

The funeral was conducted from the residence this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by Rev. H. B. Searight, pastor of the First Presbyterian church and the interment was in Oakdale cemetery. The following were the pall-bearers: George E. Buckman, W. B. Morton, Stephen Fowler, Moses J. Fowler, Z. M. Potts and Dr. D. T. Tayloe.

Pictures For First Half New Theatre

For the first half of this week the New Theater will run only motion pictures. This house had a musical comedy company booked for this week as usual, but on Saturday they received a wire that half of the girls with the troupe had stopped, so that they could not play this house this week. As it was too late in the week to book anything for the first half of the week there will only be motion pictures for Monday and Tuesday nights. Prices 10 and 5 cents. For tonight they will have a three reel feature picture, An Acrobatic Film. One that is sure to please. On Wednesday night there will be a play entitled "An American Citizen," presented by the "Paint and Powder Club," of New Bern, N. C. Prices, 35, 50 and 75c. These tickets are now on sale at Worthy & Etheridge's drug store. From what we can learn this will be one of the best plays ever presented by a home talent company. For the last half of this week the New Theater will have vaudeville for the amusement of their patrons.

CITY ALDERMEN.

The Board of City Aldermen will meet at the City Hall this evening. All the members are requested to be present.

VISITORS TODAY.

Charles P. Aycock, Pantego; W. H. Whitley, Bonneton; W. M. Butt, Bonneton; W. S. D. Eborn, Bunyan; T. H. Hodges, Old Ford; H. Churchill Bragaw, Chocowinity, are visitors to Washington today.

It's Restful in Washington Park.

Annual Sermon To Graduating Class of City Public Schools

Delivered By Dr. Caldwell Last Evening

Was a Great Effort and Heard By a Large Audience. Attractive Program Carried Out

Taking as his theme, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's Business," Rev. J. C. Caldwell, D. D., president of the Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C., delivered the annual commencement sermon to the members of the graduating class, numbering thirty-one of the Washington Public Schools at the auditorium last night. For the occasion all the respective churches of the city closed their doors and the consequence was that the auditorium was packed, many having to leave for failure to secure seats.

Upon the front seats were seated the members of the graduating class and upon the rostrum besides the speaker of the evening, Superintendent C. M. Campbell, Jr., Rev. J. T. Gibbs, D. D., Rev. R. L. Gay, Rev. H. B. Searight, Rev. R. V. Hope and Rev. E. M. Snipes. A large choir of voices from the respective churches also occupied seats on the platform with Mr. E. H. Harding, pianist, R. A. G. Barnes, violinist, and Messrs. Selby Jones and Pat Foreman, cornetist. Superintendent Campbell was master of ceremonies and announced the evening program.

The exercises opened with the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," which was followed by the scripture lesson being read by Rev. R. L. Gay. The prayer was offered by Rev. H. B. Searight. The choir then rendered an anthem: "Praise Ye the Lord." The commencement sermon was then delivered, Dr. Caldwell being presented by the superintendent.

Dr. Caldwell from the very first caught the attention of his large audience and held it until the last word had been spoken. He applied his text to the task in life and made it appear that Christ was an apostle of Culture and that he lost His life for the sake of saving others. Traced the sacred history from the beginning of all the noted biblical heroes and showed wherein they, too, lost their lives and subsequently found it.

Running all through the matchless discourse was a decided thread of eloquence and this mixed with his argument and the attractive manner in which the sermon was delivered, made it one of the best heard in Washington in years. Dr. Caldwell spoke without manuscript and with an ease and grace seldom seen. It was a great effort delivered by a great mind. The city schools were more than fortunate in securing this gifted man of God to address the graduating class. The speaker made a deep and lasting impression not only upon the members of the class, but the entire audience.

Dr. Caldwell has been at the head of that great educational institute for the past several years and he knows how to speak to those who are about to cast their lot in life. Immediately following the discourse the choir rendered another anthem, "Wagner's Jubilate," after which the congregation joined the choir in singing the hymn, "The Spacious Firmament on High." The benediction was pronounced by Rev. E. M. Snipes.

Before adjournment Supt. Campbell announced that on Wednesday evening the John Marshall Debating Society will have their annual debate for the C. G. Morris medal; Thursday night the graduating class will have their usual exercises and on Thursday evening the graduating exercises will take place and the annual address delivered. The public is cordially invited to all these exercises.

ATTENDED SERVICES.

Mr. H. T. Stewart, night foreman at the Havens Oil Company plant attended religious services at White Plains yesterday. A large number were present from different sections of Beaufort county and elsewhere.

NO PRAYER MEETING.

On account of the delegates arriving here Wednesday evening on their way to the district conference at Swan Quarter and who are to be entertained by the members of the congregation that night there will be mid-week prayer meeting service at the First M. E. church this week.

IN THE CITY.

Mr. D. D. Harrison, of Yasteville, N. C., is here today.