

## WATER SUPPLY AT THE MEXICAN CAPITAL IS SHORT

### Carraza to Fight For Terms Situation is Now Regarded By Some as Unfavorable

Washington, D. C., Provisional President Carranza does not intend to surrender unconditionally to General Coahuila. He will concentrate his military forces and resist the Constitutional Congress in Mexico City without previous arrangements and agreement not to wreak vengeance on those who supported Huerta.

This was the tenor of information from authoritative sources in Mexico City. It spread a feeling of pessimism in some quarters over the possibility of a amicable settlement of the revolution.

Emilio Rabasa, head of the Sedition Unit which represented Huerta at the Niagara conference arrived here yesterday and discussed the situation with the South American mediator and with Castellon, personal representative of Carranza.

Mr. Castellon said he was confident that ultimately there would be an agreement between Carranza and Coahuila.

The disposition in some diplomatic quarters to regard the situation as unfavorable because more pronounced when it was learned the three commissioners announced as having been sent by Provisional President Carranza to interview Coahuila in reality were unofficial and voluntary peace envoys.

Mr. Castellon, however, did not regard this as unusual, pointing out that Carranza had refused to treat with a commission officially appointed by Coahuila.

Another aspect of the situation which was commented upon was the knowledge that Carranza had made it plain he would receive the peace commissioners only to arrange for the unconditional surrender by the Mexico City authorities.

These uncompromising terms pushed diplomats here. They believe that the decisive influence for peace rests with the United States. There was no indication today how far the American government was prepared to exert pressure on Carranza to obtain an amnesty and guarantee.

Diplomats also were watching with keen interest reports that Villa was again threatening a break with Carranza.

Mexico City.—Followers of Emiliano Zapata, the rebel leader who has been operating in Southern Mexico still was threatening Xochimilco a village twenty miles from the capital today.

Xochimilco, which is the gate to the city and is of great strategic value because the capital gets its water supply from the lakes there, is now defended by four thousand federal troops, the garrison having been reinforced by a large body of troops.

## HOUSE PARTY AT AURORA STARTS TODAY

Miss Annie Swindell, one of Aurora's popular and attractive young ladies today began a house party at her home. Quite a number of young ladies and gentlemen will be her guests. Among those passing thru the city today for the house party were: Miss Elizabeth Covington, of Laurensburg, N. C.; Miss Kate Blackwell of Kittrell, N. C.; Miss Mildred Purvis of Williamston, N. C.; and Mr. Jacques Brock of Norfolk, Va. Miss Swindell expects to entertain her guests for the next week.

### AN IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. W. H. Baker, the photographer, has just completed marked improvements to his already attractive home on East Second street. The work has been in progress since May last. Two rooms have been added to the interior remodelled from top to bottom and the exterior painted. The home is now one of the most inviting in this section of Washington.

## Six Great Organizations Will Hold District Sessions

At least six great national organizations are expected to hold district sessions at the Fourth American Road Congress which will be held in Atlantic City during the week of November 30. Under the auspices of the American Highway Association and the American Automobile Association, a series of district sessions of the road system is being held throughout the United States and at least an annual expenditure of over \$200,000,000, at least \$50,000,000 of which is wasted every year according to expert judgment in the field of usefulness for the League is a broad one. Ways and means of bringing about an efficiency or more efficient system in the present road political organization, will engage the attention of the delegates at the Congress for one full session. President Richard Henry Dana of the National Civil Service Reform League will be one of the presiding officers.

An exact compilation of every existing road law in each of the forty-eight states is nearing completion and will form the basis for analysis and proposed revision at an exceedingly important session of the Congress to be directed by special com-

missioners of the American Bar Association and the American Highway Association. It is expected that this session will result in a comprehensive bill of simplified and efficient road legislation, which may be presented through the governors of the states to each legislature, at their next session.

At the Third American Road Congress held last year in Detroit, one of the most interesting sessions was that relating to finance, which was held under the auspices of a committee from the American Bankers Association. A large portion of the 4,000 delegates present at the Detroit meeting attended the finance session and paid close attention to the proceedings. This year's Congress will devote particular attention to the financing of road improvement in view of the fact that upwards of a half billion dollars of road bonds are now outstanding and question relating to issuance of new bonds and methods of retirement are assuming increasing importance.

I. S. Pennybacker, Executive Secretary of the Road Congress, will headquarters at Washington D. C. states that indications are that the Atlanta Congress will attract the largest assemblage of delegates and visitors ever assembled at a non-political public welfare meeting in America.

## BUYS FORD AUTO FOR HIS USE

Mr. L. M. Scott of Blounts Creek, N. C., was here today. Mr. Scott is one of the county's coming attorneys and since he has been licensed by the Supreme Court has advanced rapidly as a practitioner. Mr. Scott today purchased a Ford automobile and left for his home in his machine. Notwithstanding the fact that he does not know its workings he arrived safe and sound. There is no more enterprising citizen than Mr. Scott and since he has been a member of the bar in this county he has added dignity and intelligence to the already enviable reputation of the legal profession. Not only is Mr. Scott a lawyer of parts but too enjoys the distinction of being one of the best farmers in this section.

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### NOTES FROM HAWKINSVILLE.

A number of our people attended the revival services at Rosemary last week.

Mrs. O. L. Sparrow and children visited Miss Jennie Woolard Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Joe Lee spent awhile Wednesday afternoon with Miss Alice Woolard and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baynor and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Baynor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Lee.

Miss Bertha Jefferson was the guest of Mrs. Edgar Waters at State stone Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Lyman Pinkham of the N. S. Railroad force was here Sunday.

Mr. Lovie Harris of Hunters Bridge, was in our midst Sunday afternoon.

Miss Jennie Woolard and Mrs. O. L. Sparrow visited Mrs. W. H. Sullivan Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Woolard and children were visitors at the home of Mr. John Hawkins Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. D. Swain and child returned home last week after spending several days with her parents at Roper, N. C. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Callie Ambrose.

Mrs. Francis Lewis and son Alton left Saturday for Vanceboro where they will spend some time with relatives and friends.

Our section was visited Sunday morning by a refreshing shower of rain.

### IN TOWN TODAY.

Mr. J. B. Peed of R. P. D. No. 3 was here today on business.

### MAKING REPAIRS.

Repairs are being made to the second story of the Hayes building on Main street occupied by Mrs. Alice Peed in a repair shop.

## JNO. A. MAYO WITH FIRST NATIONAL

Mr. Jno. A. Mayo, son of Mr. Jno. W. Mayo, who has been the efficient book keeper at the banking house of the Savings and Trust Co. for the past three years has resigned his position and will on August 1st accept a similar position with the First National Bank. Mr. Mayo is one of Washington's brightest young men and enjoys a wide circle of friends. He has the best wishes of all for every success in his new position. Who will succeed Mr. Mayo at the Savings and Trust Co., at this writing is not known.

### It's postal in Washington Park.

### CIGARETTE CASES GIVEN AWAY FREE

Handsome Leather Cases go With Packages of Omar Cigarettes. Omar cigarette smokers have an opportunity for the next few days—

or as long as the supply lasts—to get a handsome leather cigarette case free. One case will be given with the purchase of a fifteen cent package of Omar cigarettes; but only one case to a customer.

The case is just the right size to hold the Omar package—slips right in and fits snug. It is made from genuine, fine, smooth, black leather, soft and pleasant to handle and giving the user a drowsy and smart appearance.

In speaking of this offer a representative of the Omar cigarette people said: "By giving away these valuable cases we mean to get cigarette smokers to try Omar—try this wonderful cigarette right away. Any man who likes a Turkish blend will find in Omar the one perfect cigarette. We are selling Omar by the millions and it is only a comparatively new cigarette. It is positively the best that can be made and no other approaches it in quality. The man who smokes Omar is sure to be pleased."

HERE TODAY.

Capt. W. R. Cox of Blounts Creek, N. C., arrived here this morning via his gas boat the "Triumph." Capt. Cox met with the misfortune of having his store building damaged by the September storm. He informed the Daily News man that his new store which he has been building is now completed and that he moved into same yesterday and is now ready to serve his many friends.

### IN THE CITY.

Messrs. Fred VonEberstein and Harvey Bright of Chocowinity, N. C., are in the city today.

### FROM HYDE COUNTY.

Mr. Thomas Long returned this morning from Hyde county where he went on professional business.

## LIEUT. RODMAN GIVES ACCOUNT NAVAL BOYS TRIP

### Says The Men Enjoyed Their Cruise Immensely. They Were Charmed With Bermuda Islands.

Lieutenant W. B. Rodman, Jr., who was in command of the Sixth North Carolina Naval Militia on their recent cruise on the U. S. Battleship Rhode Island in taking to a Daily News representative the following interesting information which no doubt will prove of interest to our readers.

We left Washington on the night of July 5th via the Norfolk Southern. Arriving at Norfolk we were taken from Norfolk to Hampton on a navy tug, where we found crews from the District of Columbia aboard and also the fourth division from North Carolina under command of Capt. C. D. Bradham of New Bern. We got under way about four o'clock Monday afternoon on the Rhode Island and proceeded up the Delaware river to the ship John Light where the reserves from New Jersey and Pennsylvania were taken aboard Tuesday afternoon. We got under way at sunset. Most of the North Carolina men were in charge of the gun and berth decks which were required to be kept clean. The men had to man the six-inch gun every morning and test them to see that everything was in working order.

The entire ship was inspected at 9:15 in the morning. The men were put through physical drills and at 10 o'clock they were given practice at the guns.

We sighted land at 5:30 a. m., July 10; we took on a pilot and proceeded into Bermuda firing a salute of 21 guns about 8:30 o'clock. Our salute was answered a little after 9 o'clock when we dropped anchor. One half of the men were given shore leave Friday and the others given liberty Saturday. Every one of the boys were delighted with the islands. The first and most lasting impression was the pleasing cleanliness of everything. The houses are built of the coral rock, which is very soft when first cut but it is quick to harden. Every house is whitewashed every two years at least; all the roads are macadamized from the coral rocks. No auto or motor cycles are permitted on the island. The British government maintains a garrison of approximately 1200 men of Hamilton.

We left Bermuda Sunday morning about 11 o'clock and proceeded direct to Tangier-Sound at the head of Chesapeake Bay. Target practice began Thursday morning. The range was laid off and the District of Columbia reserves began firing Thursday afternoon. We steamed along the range at five knots per hour, being the speed prescribed for the regular navy when at target practice.

District of Columbia secured 14 hits out of 40 shots. Pennsylvania followed, getting 13 hits out of 40 shots.

New Jersey began firing Friday morning at 7:30. They secured 13 out of 40 shots. The New Jersey men cut the rafts carrying the target, to pieces so that the North Carolina men did not begin firing until Friday afternoon. The "tourists" as the North Carolina men were called by the other reserves, immediately elicited a compliment from Capt. C. S. Williams, when they began to fire. North Carolina made a total of 42 hits—New Bern making the best score of 4 hits out of 4 shots in 26 seconds. The best score previous to this was 3 hits out of 4 shots in 67 seconds.

Each North Carolina division had at least one crew which made a score of 4 hits out of 4 shots. These men will in all probability be awarded a navy "E" by Secretary of the Navy Daniels for their efficiency.

In addition to the gun drills the men were given collision, fire, boat and various other drills and to stand watch as do the regular officers and men.

The Rhode Island returned to Hampton on Saturday at noon. We disembarked Sunday morning, leaving the District of Columbia, the New Jersey and Pennsylvania men boarding ship.

As the tug pulled away from the side of the battleship Rhode Island the entire ship's crew gathered on deck to give us three cheers and the

## Would Educate The People As To Opticians Duties

Owing to the fact that there are not a large percentage of the people of this state who really know what an Optometrist is, and what his duties to the public are, it was suggested at the recent meeting of the seventh annual convention of the North Carolina State Optical Society which was in session at Wrightsville Beach, N. C., July 13 and 14th that each Optometrist in his own locality, should try to make it clear to the public just what an Optometrist is and what his duties were.

I who have the distinction of being the youngest registered Optometrist in the state, who has practiced a year for myself and three years as an apprentice (feel it my duty, in the interest of the people of Washington and Beaufort county and for the uplift and advancement of optometry to try to make it clear to the people of this county just what an optometrist is.

A registered optometrist is any one who has fulfilled the required laws of the state to examine the eyes by any means, outside of the employment of drugs, medicines and surgical operation for the measurement of the powers of vision and the adaptation of lenses for the aid thereof.

Every person before beginning the practice of optometry is required to present a diploma from some recognized optical college and, to successfully pass an examination given by the North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry.

An Eyesight Specialist and an Optometrist are practically the same. But an eyesight specialist or an oculist has the power to administer drugs, medicines and to make surgical operation for diseases of the eyes. It is the duty of every optometrist to examine patients who come to him, with excess of refraction and muscular anomalies of the eye; and to fit glasses for the improvement of vision and relief of eye strains, headaches, etc. It is also his duty and if he is a competent, honest and capable man he will refer diseased conditions to oculists and medical doctors.

But there is still another class of men who sell glasses and it is to this class that I have special reference. In writing this article it is my purpose to protect you from them. They claim to examine the eyes and fit glasses, but are not registered optometrists. When you are so unfortunate as to have trouble with your eyes, in order to get the best results

you must have the services of a competent person, and you should know that you are in the hands of a competent person. If the man who tries to fit you with glasses does not know enough about the eyes to pass the State Board of Examiners in optometry then he is not worthy to render to you his services.

If you will make it a rule to ask him to show you his State certificate then you can be sure that you are on the right road to having a competent man to examine your eyes, and fit you with glasses. Because if he has one he will be proud to show it to you, and when he does, be sure that it reads from the Board of Examiners of the State of North Carolina, and is signed by J. W. Taylor, Greensboro, N. C. If he has not a certificate and fits glasses then he is a violator of the law and it is your duty both to yourself and your fellow man to report the violator to the officers of the law and secure evidence, so that he can be convicted at once.

I was chosen on the prosecution committee of the North Carolina State Optical Society with Mr. J. T. Burke, Wilmington, N. C., for 1915, by the president of the North Carolina State Optical Society at the last meeting, and for the benefit of myself, you and your friends and for the uplift and advancement of optometry, I am going to ask that you report to me or Mr. Burke anyone whom you know violating this law, and that you are willing to be a witness against them to help convict that person anywhere in this state.

I have just returned from Wrightsville Beach where we were in session. We had a great time there on the shores of the grand old Atlantic with its great waves and fine breezes.

The trip was a very instructive one also. We had with us at the convention Dr. Frederick A. Wall, Professor of Optometry at Columbia University, New York City, who delivered several lectures, which were very beneficial.

He also required each member to dissect cow's eyes and gave us a lecture on the anatomy and physiology of eyes.

I hope that the editor will see fit to publish this article so that the people of this county and adjoining counties may assist the Optometrists in the advancement of optometry by helping to drive out the non-registered practitioner.

W. H. MEWBORN, O. D.

## ONE IS SHOT WITH PISTOL, OTHER CUT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

### Principals Brought To Jail Yesterday. Were Engaged In Gambling Game.

Sheriff George E. Ricks and Chief of Police R. J. Roberts went to Chocowinity yesterday and brought to the county jail Gus Vines and Onslow Harvey charged with a mutual assault near the Leach camp Sunday afternoon with deadly weapons. Harvey was shot with a pistol in the hands of Vines the ball entering his left side. Vines was cut with a knife by Harvey. Wounds were inflicted upon his person in the left side and right leg. Dr. D. T. Taylor was summoned after the difficulty and rendered medical and surgical aid. They would have been brought to jail at the time but they were too weak at the time. The men were engaged in a gambling game and the result was a dispute. Both the men are still weak but were able to be brought here yesterday. Their preliminary hearing will be heard before the Recorder as soon as a result of their wounds is known. Both the principals are negroes.

## RING LOST 50 YEARS IS RECOVERED

After lying in the old frigate Constellation for about 50 years a gold ring owned by an officer who served on that vessel during the Civil War has been recovered at the Norfolk Navy Yard. Recently when it was announced that the Constellation would be overhauled at the Norfolk yard, preparatory to exhibiting her at the celebration in Baltimore next September, in honor of the centennial of the anniversary of the writing of "The Star Spangled Banner," Mrs. Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, N. C., wife of the United States District Attorney for the Eastern district of North Carolina wrote to Secretary Daniels informing him that her father, Dr. Kentyll, who was attached to the Constellation in the Civil War, lost a gold band ring given him by his mother upon his entry into the naval service.

Mrs. Winston said in her letter that, although her father searched for the ring he was unable to find it, and he said that it could not be recovered until the ship was overhauled in a navy yard. Mrs. Winston indicated the place where it could probably be found and asked that a search be made for it while overhauling the vessel at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

Mr. Daniels forwarded the letter to Rear-Admiral N. R. Usher, commandant of the Norfolk yard, with instructions that the ring be recovered, if possible. It was found under the iron covering plates of the starboard anchor bitt on the gun deck forward, where Mrs. Winston said it would probably be located. It was undamaged, except that it had been tarnished by its long imprisonment. It was repolished and forwarded to Mrs. Winston.

## Pictures At New Theatre Attractive

The New Theater had another good crowd last night to witness the fine pictures that they are running there this week. The two reel features "Chasing the Smugglers" last night was one among the best pictures that has been seen here for some time. There was another one reel picture that was equally interesting. This house is now giving some of the best pictures that has ever been exhibited in this city. If you wish to enjoy a pleasant evening in a cool place then attend this popular play house after supper every night.

Let's build in Washington.

## MRS. FARRISS GAVE A PORCH PARTY TUES.

Tuesday morning at ten o'clock Mrs. E. H. Farriss who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Willis on Second street, gave a delightful porch party in honor of her house guests Misses Linnie Mann and Clara Harmon, of High Point, N. C.

There were six tables of auction. Ferns, palms and roses were used as decorations.

The highest scores were made by Misses Katherine Small and Frances Mann. They were presented with handsome boxes of stationery Misses Harman and Mann were awarded lovely boxes of stationery as visitors prizes.

Mrs. Farriss was assisted in serving the delicious salad course by her sister Miss Lillie Belle Willis.

The salad course consisted of hollandaise salad, olive and cucumber sandwiches and iced tea.

### PRAYER MEETING.

There will be prayer meeting services in all the different churches of the city this evening at the usual hour to which the general public has a cordial invitation to attend.

### GUESTS OF AUNT.

Mrs. H. O. Little and children of Wilson, N. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bridges and Mrs. J. R. Mitchell at their home on East Water street. Mrs. Bridges is the aunt of Mrs. Little.

band had gone to the foretop played "Dixie." All agree that the men and officers of the Rhode Island are a most delightful set and that they are more than anxious to rejoin the trip.

## OUTPUT IS AN INDEX OF ACTIVITY

The nation's output of mineral products of various kinds is a fair measure of industrial activity. For several months now the Department of the Interior, through the Geological Survey, has been issuing its final statistics of the 1913 mineral production which confirms in detail the preliminary estimates issued early in January for the principal minerals in the large majority of cases these authoritative figures tell in one way or another the same story of industrial prosperity. In coal production the increase has been general, and it is in this very fact that serves as an unmistakable index of general health in the industrial world. But as state after state is shown to have had its banner coal year—West Virginia, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Alabama, Virginia, New Mexico, Montana, Texas, Utah, and Pennsylvania in both bituminous and anthracite, the record becomes spectacular. Ohio for instance, has its floods, yet there was a substantial 6 per cent increase in coal output, and the miners averaged more working days in 1913 than in 1912. Twelve other states showed increases varying from 2 per cent in Iowa to 12 per cent in Indiana and over 15 per cent in Washington, and only Colorado, Maryland, North Dakota, Nevada, Idaho, and Missouri show decreased output, the Colorado labor troubles explaining the only significant decrease. In a similar way, the figures of coke production give large increases, and coke, it may be noted, is a step nearer the metal industry. Petroleum production in 1913 exceeded all records, an increase of 25 million barrels and 71 million dollars over the 1912 returns.