

PRIZES ARE INCENTIVE FOR WORK

FREE TRIPS THROUGH NORTH OFFER ATTRACTIVE INCENTIVES.

WORTH WINNING

Everything Will Be Arranged in Advance for Contestants. Trips Will Make Unequaled Vacations for Lucky Winners.

How many clubs will you have on the big offer that is now in force?

When you find subscriptions coming a little slower than you wish, just think of the splendid big summer vacation tour that you may take if you apply yourself diligently for a few short weeks.

Work as though you had only until Saturday to get up your clubs. You will then have a good report this week, and you can put on the finishing touches during the first three days of next week.

Equal Chance.

In this contest every lady, regardless of where she may live, has equal chance to win any prize.

Six trips. One for each district and an additional trip for the lady that leads the entire contest at the close.

Five jeweled eight watches. One for each district.

Cash commissions for every candidate who does not win a prize and works consistently.

There can be no failures. Each worker will win something.

The Clubbing Offer.

Every TWELVE dollars worth of subscriptions turned in between noon of Monday, April 10th, and Wednesday, April 12th, up to nine o'clock in the evening will earn one hundred and fifty thousand extra votes.

Turn your subscriptions in as fast as you possess them. We keep a record to determine when you have completed a club.

SECURE AS MANY CLUBS AS YOU CAN.

Contestants who had a club started on the other offer but failed to complete it may count the amount from the incomplete club in making up a club on this offer.

Votes will be issued according to the vote table on each subscription when you turn them in, and the extra ballot for one hundred and fifty thousand will be issued when the club has been completed.

This is guaranteed to be the BIGGEST and BEST offer of any kind that will be made at any future time of the contest. And it will expire at nine o'clock in the evening of Wednesday, April 12th.

Vote Table.

Table with 2 columns: Months, Votes. 3 Months \$ 2.25 8,000 Votes; 1 Year \$ 5.00 12,000 Votes; 3 Years \$ 9.00 28,000 Votes; 5 Years \$ 12.00 48,000 Votes; 7 Years \$ 15.00 60,000 Votes; 9 Years \$ 18.00 80,000 Votes.

THE BRITISH MESOPOTAMIA FORCE REPULSED BY TURKS

Berlin, April 12.—A British Mesopotamia force, composed of troops transferred by Turkish troops in a sanguinary battle lasting six hours near Fellahi on April 9, according to a Turkish headquarters report dated April 11.

The statement adds that more than 3,000 dead British were counted after the battle.

COMMISSION HELD MEETING LAST NIGHT

E. A. DANIEL, JR., ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF TOWNSHIP BOND ISSUE COMMISSION.

WILL TAKE TRIP

Commission Plans to Leave Next Week on a Two-Day Trip of Inspection of the Roads in the Adjoining Counties.

The bond issue commission, composed of E. A. Daniel, Jr., C. G. Morris and W. G. Stancill, held a meeting last night and elected Mr. Daniel chairman of the commission.

Upon their return from this trip, the commission will meet with the advisory committee and steps will then be taken to begin immediate work on the roads of the township.

OFFICERS AWAY WHEN MEXICANS MADE ATTACKS

Gross Carelessness is Charged Against U. S. Cavalry Officers at Columbus.

Washington, April 12.—Official Washington was amazed tonight when a high official of the administration made the statement that had it not been for the gross carelessness of the war department, or some of its officers, the raid on Columbus, New Mexico, by General Villa, would not have occurred and the presence of American troops in Mexican territory would not have been necessary.

Information that Villa was preparing a raid on Columbus was sent to Washington by secret service agents of the department of justice, and that department transmitted to the general staff of the army exactly six days before the raid actually occurred.

It is said, also, that practically every officer of the 13th cavalry which had been sent to Columbus to guard the border was at Demming, 30 miles from Columbus, on the night of the raid, attending one of the aristocratic army "hops."

MASQUERADE SKATE

There will be a masquerade skate at the Central Warehouse Friday night from 8 to 10:30. Prizes will be given for the best make up by the following merchant:

To the best lady make up \$1.00 in merchandise by each of the following: Worthy & Etheridge, Blount's Pharmacy, Lee Lavenport.

For the best man make up \$1.00 in merchandise by Lewis & Catala. A cash prize will also be given by the manager of the skating rink. You cannot afford to miss this masquerade as there will be lots of fun and I guarantee the best of order.

W. L. THORNBURG, Manager.

GREAT HARDSHIP IS SUFFERED BY THE U. S. TROOPS

LACK OF COMMUNICATION MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO SECURE SUFFICIENT FOOD.

MUCH SUFFERING

Men Were Forced to Do Without Salt Sugar or Coffee. Clothing Badly Needed for High Altitudes. Expedition Not Ended.

(By United Press)

El Paso, April 12.—Army officials in Texas believe that the Villa punitive expedition is approaching the critical stage. Danger lies along the communication line, which is over 400 miles long and without adequate transport service.

With the rainy season due in about a month, when the trails will be impassable, army officers stated privately that the expedition must have the free use of the railroads or else withdraw. The only alternative, they said, is to continue provisioning in the present haphazardous and costly manner.

It has also been learned here that Dodd's men and animals lived a week without salt. When a new supply arrived, the men ate it like children do candy.

Expedition Not Ended.

San Antonio, April 12.—General Funston will never consider the punitive expedition a success until Villa is either killed or captured. This much was made plain when he was told of Carranza's demand for the withdrawal of the United States troops.

HAVE THE GOODS ON GERMANY

(By United Press)

Paris, April 12.—The French government today officially announced that it not only has the fragments of the torpedo which struck the Sussex, but also the names of the captain and crew of the attacking submarine.

MR. LOVELACE TO BE AT NEW BERN

Will Manage the Banner Tobacco Warehouse of That City This Season.

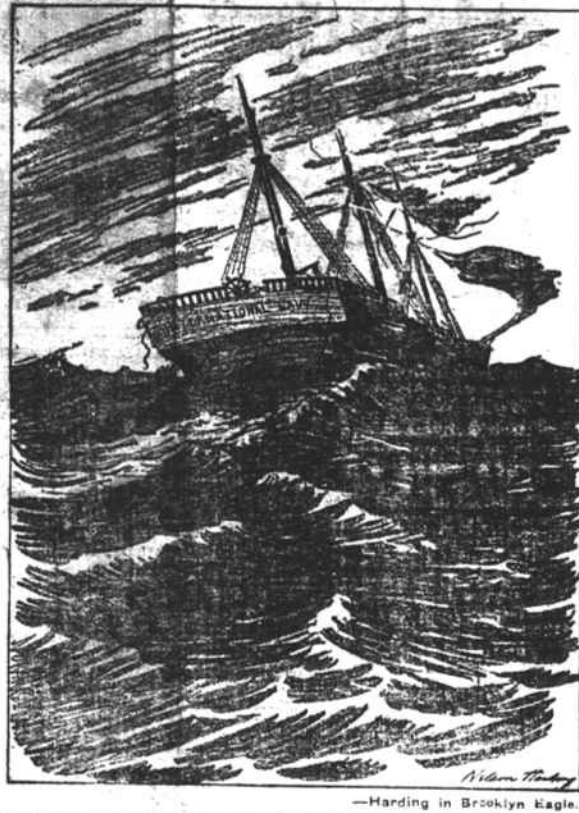
New Bern, April 12.—Mr. J. T. Lovelace, an experienced warehouse man, of Wilson, N. C., spent yesterday in the city conferring with the owners of the Banner Warehouse, of which he will have charge during the coming season.

Mr. Lovelace is an experienced tobacco man, has managed a number of warehouses in past years and has made a complete success of the same. In coming to New Bern he feels that he will be able to build up the local market and the owners of the Banner warehouse feel that they have a good man in charge of their place.

THREE PERSONS KILLED IN A POWDER PLANT EXPLOSION

Bluefield, W. Va., April 12.—Three persons were killed, one perhaps fatally injured, and two others less seriously hurt at the Nemours plant of the duPont Powder company eight miles from here today, when 4,000 kegs of black powder exploded. The plant was almost completely destroyed with a loss of about \$100,000.

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Harding in Brooklyn Eagle.

ACCUSES LEAGUE OF LOBBYISM; COL. W. C. RODMAN RESIGNS

In Letter to President of National Security League, Colonel States that Organization Exists Solely as a "Professional Lobby"

Charging the National Security League with "lobbyism at the worst kind," Col. W. C. Rodman has tendered his resignation to the organization and, in his correspondence with North Carolina senators and the president of the Security League, brings out some interesting facts regarding the nature of the League.

His letters to Senators Simmons and Overman, in part, read as follows:

"Having read in the public press, the charges of 'lobbyism' made by Senator Chamberlain, et al., with reference to the national guard, I beg to enclose herewith a printed letter which I have just received from the National Security League.

"This, it seems to me, is 'lobbying' of the most undesirable kind and I suggest if you think proper, that you present it to the senate in rebuttal of the charges made against the officers of the national guard. I have received many such letters from the National Security League and have received none whatever from the National Guard association.

"In connection with this, I take the liberty of enclosing a copy of my letter of resignation forwarded today. Yours very truly,

"WILEY C. RODMAN, Colonel Second Infantry, N. C. N. G. Letter to Mengel.

The following goes to Stanford Mengel, president of the league: "I am in receipt of your favor of March 28, 1916, and have also received your previous favors with regard to contributions, etc.

"In addition to this, I read your full page advertisement in the Washington Post when the Hay bill was before the house of representatives. "I joined your association in New York in June, 1915, and attended your meeting at Carnegie hall from the purest patriotic impulses, believing that your society had the best interests of our United States at heart.

Boring and Building COMMITTEE WILL MEET TONIGHT

Will Apportion Territory to be Covered in Getting Funds for the Red Hill Road.

The three committees, appointed at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions for the Red Hill road, will meet tonight and decide upon the territory that each committee is to cover.

They read it and they buy advertised goods and patronize stores that advertise.

The daily newspaper is the great advertising message bearer.

U. S. IS READY TO TAKE UP THE SUBMARINE ISSUE

CALLS WASHINGTON LADIES "CLASSIEST" IN ENTIRE STATE

That there is more "style and class to the ladies of Washington than any other town in the State, was the assertion made yesterday by the Hotel... well-know... Library... the Hotel... Since I have been sitting here for the last hour or so," he said, "I have seen more good looking women than I have ever seen before in the same length of time. They're not only good looking, but they've got the style about them as well. They don't look as countryfied as do some of the residents of Greenville, New Bern, Kinston, or the other cities in this section. Every last one of them looks as if she has just stepped off Fifth Avenue. They're class, believe me."

NEW YORK TRIBUNE COMES OUT TODAY FOR ROOSEVELT

New York, April 12.—The New York Tribune, for scores of years a leading Republican journal, will declare editorially today for the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt for the presidency by the Republican convention.

TABLES ARE CLEARED FOR ACTION. GERMANY DENIES ALL RESPONSIBILITY.

AWAIT EVIDENCE

Aspect That Official Text of German Note Will Be Received at Washington Tomorrow. Other Evidence Is Also Coming.

(By United Press)

Washington, April 12.—The tables are now cleared for a showdown between Germany and the United States regarding the submarine issue.

While disclaiming any responsibility for the Sussex disaster, Germany admits submarine attacks on the four other ships that carried Americans. In each case she claims that those attacks were legal and conforming to international law, with the assurances heretofore given. American officials, however, take the opposite point of view. They believe that the issue is clear-cut in words of one who is close to the president: "This government will act now in a manner entirely satisfactory to the people of this country."

The first course will be awaiting the arrival of the official text of the German note, which is expected tomorrow at the latest.

WON'T WITHDRAW AMERICAN TROOPS

No Action Has Been Taken Upon Carranza's Note. Message Not Considered as an "Ultimatum."

(By United Press)

Washington, April 12.—The Mexican situation, state department officials today stated, stands the same as it was. The war department is taking no steps toward concurring with Carranza's demand for the withdrawal of the United States troops. The expedition is going on as before, as far as any army men know. Upon receiving the official text of Carranza's note, the department said that there was no announcement to make as yet.

Not An Ultimatum.

Carranza's note is in no sense an "ultimatum" or "demand" that the American troops be withdrawn. It is stated that the American embassy after an official translation had been made, characterized it rather as a "request" for negotiations, looking to Carranza's troops taking over the Villa hunt.

The note was not expected to be delivered to Lansing until late this afternoon. Mexican officials indicated that unofficial translations might easily make it sound more emphatic than was intended. Officials here are optimistic, since negotiations would take several weeks. In the meantime, it is pointed out, the hunt may be successfully concluded. Many here believed that the note was meant more for home consumption than anything else.

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CARRANZISTAS FIRE UPON AMERICANS

(By United Press)

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COLONEL POLLOCK OUT FOR SENATE

Kinston Man Was Brought Out Tuesday Evening by His Friends of That City.

Kinston, April 12.—Col. W. D. Pollock was "brought out" for State Senator at a gathering of his friends in the law offices of Loftin, Dawson & Manning Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. It was decided to begin a vigorous campaign in favor of the Colonel's candidacy and have him elected, for which there seems to be a good chance, it is said, as Lonr country candidate and as the best man available.

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