

MEXICAN TROUBLE IS AT END:- CARRANZA SUBMITS TO U.S.

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MEXICAN SITUATION NOW 'APPEARS LIKELY OF SETTLEMENT WITHOUT ANY FURTHER TROUBLE. NOTE IS SATISFACTORY

CARRANZA FIRST FAVORED A DEFIANT NOTE

(By United Press)

COLUMBUS, N. M., July 5.—Military men believe that orders will be given shortly for the withdrawal of the U. S. troops from Mexico, providing that Carranza makes no new hostile move.

DIPLOMACY RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTE

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Coincidental with the delivery of the pacificatory note from Carranza, a remarkable, but unofficial, diplomacy has been revealed.

CARRANZA FAVORS MEDIATION

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Completely pacificatory, Carranza's reply has reached Lansing. In brief, it emphasizes the significance of the immediate release of the Carrizal prisoners as an indication of Carranza's sincere wishes to work in harmony with the United States.

Lansing has officially stated that the United States is willing to continue negotiations. The answer of Carranza is considered satisfactory.

DIED WHILE ON TRAIN

Mrs. T. J. Mann Passed Away Suddenly Yesterday While Being Rushed to New Bern Hospital. Died at 9:30 A. M.

Mrs. T. J. Mann, of Middleton, Hyde county, died on the Norfolk Southern train at 9:30 yesterday morning, while on the way from Belhaven to Washington.

Mrs. Mann was in a serious condition when she left her home. She was taken to Belhaven in a gas boat and then put on board the train at that city. The body remained at the home of R. B. Weston on East Main street until yesterday evening, when it was taken back to Belhaven, from where it will be taken to Middleton.

STATEMENT FROM BANKS

(By United Press) Washington, July 5.—The comptroller of currency has called for a statement on the conditions of national banks at the close of business on June 30.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Large Number of Delegates Met in Washington Yesterday. Strong Ticket Has Been Put in the Field.

An enthusiastic and harmonious meeting of delegates from every part of the county, who filled the court house to almost its capacity limit, marked the convention of County Republicans, who gathered in Washington yesterday. It is estimated that at least 350 delegates were in attendance.

J. W. Chapin presided, with W. W. Cuthrell and B. D. Daniels acting as secretaries.

A full county ticket was put in the field after the national and state tickets had been given official endorsement. Following is the list of candidates who will run for office in the county:

- For representative, Hugh Paul. For sheriff, H. A. Cutler. For Register of Deeds, C. B. Latham. For Treasurer, W. C. Russ. For county commissioners: Richland, J. W. Chapin. Choconwinty, J. R. Downes. Washington, O. B. Rawles. Bath, T. A. Brooks. Pantego, A. D. Cooper. For county surveyor, Duffy Toler.

CONTRACT FOR CONCRETE ROAD BEEN AWARDED

BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MILE OF RED HILL ROAD WERE OPENED BY COM. MISSIONERS MONDAY. WILL COST ABOUT \$12,500

Rest of the Road to be Improved at a Cost Not to Exceed \$2,500. Work to be Done Under Supervision of the Special Committee.

At the meeting of the county commissioners Monday bids for the construction of a concrete road across the river from Washington, were opened. It was found that the bid of W. M. Wilkes & Co. was the lowest of the six that were submitted.

Upon motion of C. P. Aycock by W. H. Whitley, the bid of W. M. Wilkes & Co. was unanimously accepted by the board for the construction of a mile of the concrete road, subject to the approval of the committee, consisting of Messrs. Swinell, Leach and Kugler.

The time limit for the construction of the road was left with the above committee and the committee was further empowered to repair and fix the balance of the swamp and Red Hill at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.

The firm did not make a bid for the entire mile, but entered their bid for the entire mile, but entered their price at so much per square yard. It is estimated, however, that the mile will cost about \$12,500. They asked for 90 days in which to do the work, but it is hoped that it will be completed in less time than that.

TO DECIDE ON CHAUTAUQUA

Meeting Tonight Will Settle the Question as to Whether Chautauqua Will Come Here Next Year.

The question of whether or not to have Chautauqua here again next year will be brought up at a meeting of the guarantors, which is to be held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms tonight. The meeting will start at 8:30, in order to give those who attend prayer meetings ample time to be present.

It is earnestly requested that every guarantor and all other parties, who are interested in Chautauqua, be present at tonight's meeting.

LARGE NUMBER ATTENDED BIG PICNIC YESTERDAY

It is estimated that four hundred persons attended the big union Sunday School picnic at Washington Park yesterday. The day proved a most enjoyable one, especially for the kiddies. Bathing, boating and various athletic games formed the principal attractions. The picnic was such a success that it will undoubtedly become an annual event in the future.

CONVICT ESCAPED FROM CAMP YESTERDAY MORNING

Clarence Clark, a Belhaven negro, who was serving a sentence of three years on the roads and was a member of the convict gang working in the Tranter's Creek section, escaped from the guards early yesterday morning. Mr. Harman's bloodhounds were taken to the scene and took up the trail. They outdistanced the men who were in pursuit, and became lost. Two shots were heard and it was at first supposed that the dogs had been shot. Word was sent to Elizabeth City and more hounds arrived here in the afternoon. They were unable to track the escaped negro, however. Mr. Harman's hounds were found later in the day. Nothing has been seen of the negro since.

"THE FINAL JUDGMENT" AT NEW THEATRE TONIGHT

The moving picture enthusiasts have a rich and rare treat in store for them tonight at the New Theatre as the management announces the presentation of "The Final Judgment," featuring the well known actress, Miss Ethel Barrymore. The story will be seen in five acts. This photoplay is the climax of American authors and the mere fact that Miss Barrymore assumes the leading role assures beyond question a pleasant and interesting evening. The story is carefully planned and cunningly carried out.

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L. A. SQUIRES WINS SHOOT

Made Best Total in Yesterday's Contest. Hodges Made Longest Run of Straights. Kear Gets "Booby" Prize.

L. A. Squires led the field of trap shooters in yesterday's contest, held by the local club. J. M. Hodges made the longest run of "straights," Harry Kear was awarded the booby prize. Mr. Kear shot at 25 birds and missed every one in a most skillful manner. A large number of spectators were present to witness the contest. Following are the complete scores:

Table with columns: Name, Birds, Killed, Avg. Scores for Squires, Kear, Hodges, etc.

"PITIFULLY UNPREPARED"

Senator Chamberlain Shows Up our Present Condition of Unpreparedness. Puts Blame Where it Belongs.

(By United Press) Washington, July 5.—Had trouble threatened with a powerful, aggressive nation instead of with Mexico, the last few days would have shown the "inherent weaknesses" of the National Guard system even more strikingly than has been the case, Chairman Chamberlain of the Senate Military Committee said today in an interview with the United Press.

He had before him in his committee room reports of guardsmen leaving for the front short of horses, mules, supplies, even rifles; of state forces were 40 per cent of the men sent to the front never fired an article of large calibers of Na-

tional Guard companies being disqualified for active service under D. S. army physical examinations. "Let me make clear first," he said "that this is not an attack on the guard. The guardsmen, faulty as the system has shown itself, are better prepared than any of the rest of us. Indeed, they are the only men who have imposed any sacrifice on themselves for the sake of making their country less vulnerable to attack."

"What the failures of the past ten days ought to do is to show the American people their duty, the duty of each one, to begin to get ready for what situation may come up."

"It is the American people who are responsible for few machine guns, no aero service to speak of, a lack of horses, an organization so inefficient that in ten days we have succeeded in starting only a few states to the border, and those in various degrees of criminal unpreparedness."

"It was wrong to expect a small percentage of citizens—largely unpaid—largely the butt of gold-face jokes, and always with military interests strictly secondary—to bear our preparedness burden. The system has shown its weaknesses as we should have anticipated."

"Neither can the railroads be blamed for the delays caused in the transportation of troops."

"The American people never have suggested even that railroads ought to be prepared, mobilized as part of the nation's military machinery."

"Industries suddenly called on to give up part of their employees of the guard, and at the same time hurry up supplies for them are altogether wrongly blamed. Lately, 'industrial preparedness' has become a phrase. Up to recently it had not even been that."

"We find, most serious of all, wide physical unpreparedness. Men called from stores, warehouses, offices of other indoor and partly sedentary pursuits, are supposed to be ready to fight. As a matter of fact, some of them have fainted when called on to march and drill a few hours in a climate which compared to Mexico's is like a summer resort."

"We find that when cavalry troops had to change mounts, the utmost confusion resulted. In one drill half a dozen were injured, one fatally."

"The answer is that the whole nation has been a 'slacker.' We've not only refused to do our duty but even to see it."

"Let us thank God it was only Mexico that waked us up. 'We must come to the truth. We must have a big enough regular army, trained and hardened, drilled, disciplined and equipped, to hold the enemy in check. The reserve must be, not a few guardsmen, but the whole nation. 'Compulsory military training for all is the answer.'"

ALDERMEN HOLD MEETING

Will Offer \$10 Reward for Arrest and Conviction of Persons Sending in False Alarms.

The board of aldermen held a regular meeting Monday night, at which several matters of importance were brought up and discussed.

A representative of the colored fire department appeared before the board and asked for an appropriation to be used for prize money during the State colored firemen's convention, which is to be held in this city. The board appropriated \$275 for this purpose.

The West End reel team was allowed expenses for attending the State Firemen's convention.

It was decided to offer a reward of \$10 for the arrest and conviction of any person found tampering with the fire alarm system or sending in a false alarm.

LIGHTNING KILLS HORSE AND STRIKES HOUSES

A severe electrical storm visited Washington Monday night and lasted for several hours. The lightning flashed almost continuously. A heavy rain also occurred.

A chimney on the home of Mrs. Jones on East Main street was struck by the lightning and destroyed. A horse, belonging to Hugh Paul, was killed in its stable.

Easily Answered.

The contemporary which wants to know why there are not more Texas troops on the border should be told that all Texans of military age are at present serving in Mr. Wilson's cabinet.

GERMANS DRIVEN BACK IN WEST RUSSIANS REPULSED IN EAST

GREAT BRITAIN CONTINUES WITH UNABATED FURY ALLIES HAVE MOVED UP ALL THEIR GUNS

RUSSIANS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES

PARIS, July 5.—German attacks on Verdun continued with the greatest violence last night, in spite of the fact that the allies advanced along Somme. The French have resumed their great drive, gaining many trenches. They have advanced to within three miles of Peronne, and an increasing danger threatens this strategic point.

BRITISH ARE MAKING FURTHER PROGRESS.

LONDON, July 5.—The British are making further progress toward important points. Heavy fighting is occurring between Amiens, Somme and Thieval. Two heavy attacks of the Germans were repulsed early this morning, in which the Germans lost heavily.

GERMANS CLAIM REPULSE OF RUSSIANS.

BERLIN, July 5.—In stubborn hand-to-hand fighting, the Germans, under the Bavarian Crown Prince Leopold, repulsed the Russians with heavy losses near Baranovitchi. Regarding the eastern front, the war office reports a violent battle raging on both sides of Somme, where the allies are pushing a great offensive.

TRY TO STEM THE OFFENSIVE.

BRITISH-FRENCH HEADQUARTERS, July 5.—The German units from the Verdun front are being rushed into action in a desperate effort to stem the allied offensive.

GREATEST BATTLE STILL CONTINUES.

LONDON, July 5.—In a supreme offensive, the British and French artillery are preparing the way for another infantry rush. All guns have been moved up, following the capture of German trench lines. The Germans are replying terrifically against the British front, with all reserves in action.

INVESTIGATE NIGHT RIDERS

Judge Allen Instructs Solicitor Shaw to Look into Conditions That Are Existing in Duplin County.

Kinston, July 5.—Judge Oliver H. Allen has instructed Solicitor Shaw to go to Duplin county and investigate the activities of night riders who, protesting against the new stock law, have been burning fences and other structures and terrorizing the inhabitants of the outlying districts. It was announced here Tuesday. Judge Allen suggested that Solicitor Shaw employ detectives to assist in the investigation and put a stop to the depredations which threaten to become serious.

A hint of such a trouble was carried in one of the local papers today, but Judge Allen first gave it authority and dignity. He wrote Solicitor Shaw this letter: "I am over here to settle some appeals and I find the situation here serious about the stock law matters. There seems to be an organized band of night riders who are terrorizing the people in the lower part of the county and something ought to be done and without delay."

"I consider it much more serious than the Greene county affair. If you could send the detective you have over here to the sheriff, arrangement could be made to send him out and pay him or it may be you could send a Kinston man who could do this work. Give this your serious consideration at once and I am ready to do anything I can to stop the crowd from violence. There is great danger of some of our best people being killed."

"I expect to go to Clinton Monday and back here that night, but if you can do anything at once do so without waiting for me. I will return with you at any time."

PLYMOUTH PLAYS TWO GAMES AT AURORA

The Plymouth baseball team passed through the city this morning en route for Aurora, where they will play two games today and tomorrow. Plymouth appeared to be rather short of players and they scooped up two or three of Washington's stars and took them down to Aurora.

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FEAR SAFETY OF TRANSPORT

Monterey, Bearing Refugees From Mexico, Was Lost Soon During Typhoon Off Coast of Alabama.

(By United Press) Washington, July 5.—The Navy Department has radiographed all vessels to look out for the transport, Monterey, bearing refugees from Mexico. She was last spoken when steaming into a typhoon, which has been raging off the coast of Alabama.

THREE THOUSAND PERSONS VISITED BELHAVEN YESTERDAY

The Fourth of July was celebrated in a most fitting manner at Belhaven. It is estimated that at least 3,000 persons visited the city and enjoyed the amusements that were provided for them. An enjoyable program was carried out and the celebration was most successful in every way.

BOXING AND BASEBALL ARE POPULAR IN CAMP

Camp Glenn, July 5.—Regular routine work marked the passing of July 4 in Camp Glenn yesterday. There were no exercises and the officers and men continued their efforts in whipping the companies into shape.

The national sport is fast finding its way into the life of Camp Glenn and are under process of organization to furnish recreation for the soldier boys when not on duty. Boxing is another popular sport here, the interest centering chiefly in bouts between members of the first and second regiments, with the latter claiming an advantage.

BUILD IN WASHINGTON PARK

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Advertisement for a new series of the Washington Building and Loan Association, will open Aug. 1, 1916. Shares are now on sale. You are cordially invited to become a member of this association.

Advertisement for the New Theatre, featuring the play 'The Final Judgment' at night. B. A. Rolfe Photoplays Inc. presents 'THE FINAL JUDGMENT' in five acts with Miss Ethel Barrymore.