

A FORMER RANDLEMAN BOY SHOT AT VERA CRUZ

Tar Heel Wardogs are Tugging Mightily at their Leashes—Will Recover.

North Carolina is at the front in Mexico. The press dispatches have told of the gallantry of Ensign Badger in the occupation of Vera Cruz. Young Badger is full of North Carolina blood. He is the only son of Admiral Badger and bears the name of his distinguished grandfather, Commodore Oscar Badger, who was appointed to the Naval service by George E. Baugher, when he was Secretary of the Navy under President Harrison, and who was promoted for gallant service in the Civil War. Three generations of the Badger's have been real sailors.

Platte A. Bowdon, ordinary seaman, wounded at Vera Cruz was born at Randleman, November 2, 1892. He enlisted at Richmond March 8, 1913, and his address is Greensboro. His father, Julius Bowdon lives at Greensboro. Young Bowdon is attached to the Vermont. He will recover.

Many Tar Heels are already on the way to Mexico, but the number on the way is insignificant compared with the number that would go. The mountaineers are pulling at their leashes fretfully, eager to be moving to the front. W. S. Church, a noted game chicken breeder of Wilkes county, is anxious to start after the Mexicans and has written to both Representatives Daughton and Page, begging them to help him get in position to shoot a Huertista. Mr. Church explains that he is not a soldier by profession, but is a crack shot. Mr. Church will be given an opportunity if volunteers are called for. He is willing to take his place with any body of fighting Americans.

Capt. T. Jobe, of Burnsville is willing to raise a company for the service in Mexico. His desire has been communicated to the War Department by Representative Webb.

The new volunteer army bill which has just passed Congress enables the United States to raise an Army of 1,000,000 men if necessary.

Miss Pearl Smith, formerly of Raleigh, now trained nurse in the Navy Hospital at Washington, has applied to Secretary Daniels for a position as nurse if there is war in Mexico. She wants to be the first to go.

TOTAL WAR STRENGTH

Comparison of Fighting Strength of U. S. and Mexico.

A comparison of the war strength of the United States and Mexico is not without interest just now.

The Mexican Navy consists of five gunboats, the Bravo, Morales Tampico, Vera Cruz and Zaragoza. There also are two armed transports. Unless the rebels come to Huerta's aid it is doubtful whether he could raise an army of 50,000 men.

The total war strength of the Mexican Federal Army, according to the best figures obtainable, is 84,000 men.

The infantry is armed with the Mauser Rifle, model of 1901, and the cavalry carry the Mauser carbine. The reserves have only the Remington rifle of the 1893 model. The Mexican Army consists of 108 generals, 6,236 officers, and about 50,000 men.

The authorized peace strength of the United States Army is 95,692 men. The total strength of the National Guard, which the President can call out, is 119,000 officers and men.

The reserve or unorganized militia comprises the whole manhood of the nation, between the ages of 18 and 45 years of age, all being legally liable for two years of service. Their estimated number is 15,000,000.

The navy of the United States consists of 14 dreadnaughts, six old battleships, 10 first rate armored cruisers, two second-rate armored cruisers, 23 scout cruisers, 52 destroyers, 34 first class torpedo boats, six second class torpedo boats and 40 submarines.

WANTS TO SWAP

Army Rifle Not Needed Badly as Running Shoes.

A Fayetteville man inserted in an afternoon paper the following advertisement:

"Wanted—to trade a good army rifle for a pair of running shoes. See S. S. Skelton."

CHILLY FEET IN NATIONAL CAPITAL

Japanese Bugaboo, Tolls Exemption Shadow and Disquieting Rumors.

There is great interest in the Mexican situation. All people who think seriously realize that the United States is in for a long seige, unless there is a turn for peace within a short while. Almost every responsible person in Washington deplores the unhappy turn that things have taken. Yet, no one who knows the inward conditions in Mexico thinks for a minute that the President has done wrong. Huerta has deliberately forced Mr. Wilson to take drastic action to stop his insults to the American flag.

Predictions as to the outcome of the war are rife. Some very wise people fear that it will not end with Mexico. It is apprehended in some quarters that the Japs will demand that discriminations against their race be stopped. A demand of this kind from Japan now would be the cause of much consternation.

Tolls Exemption.

The tolls exemption controversy, in which England is interested has not been settled. If the repeal bill should not pass the Senate serious complications might follow. Great Britain, it is feared might egg Japan on. There is in circulation a story that Great Britain prompted the five-day festival of the Japs in Mexico City some time ago.

The air is full of rumors. Conservative men see great danger in the Mexican quarrel. The President is very much disturbed about it.

The Congressional Record of yesterday is full of war talk which indicates the trend of the public sentiment. The Senate resolution, although it was adopted by a vote of 72 to 13, provoked a most bitter debate and a great spectacle.

Great Battle.

Great minds clash and great men held opposing views. Senators Root and Lodge opposed the resolution, while Senators Sheverly and Williams favored it. These four men belong to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Mr. Root is without a doubt the greatest lawyer in the Senate. His associates conceded that Mr. Lodge is a historian and an orator. His language is most polished and genteel. Senator Shively is an able lawyer and a powerful advocate. Senator Williams is astute and aggressive.

All day and all night the battle raged over the war resolution. The galleries were crowded with all sorts and conditions of people. Diplomats with their diamonds and working men with their horny hands witnessed the great contest. Three hundred newspaper men recorded for their papers the main incidents of the day.

The "day after" saw many wrecks. In the pres. gallery of the Senate every available lounging place was occupied by some poor, tired scribe who had been driven like a gin horse the night before.

In the Senate Senators sat sleepy-eyed and worn out.

Tillman Knows him.

One of the features of the controversy over the Mexican dictator is the efforts of various people to pronounce his name. "Huerta" is capable of a number of pronunciations. Senator Norris, of Nebraska, in his speech, spoke of him as "Hugh-Werter." Senator Simmons calls him "Hurt-Her." John Sharp Williams, who spent some of his early schooldays in France, calls him "Werter." Senator Tillman calls him "That d-d old Mexican." So you have it! "Villa" is just as hard to arrive at. "Carranza" is but little better.

Before the war is over there will be many tied tongues over "Huerta," "Villa" and "Carranza." "Werter" seems to be right, sod oes "Veeyah," and "Karranzar."

Big Insurance.

The late Dr. Reitzel, of High Point, who was killed by his automobile turning over on him near Greensboro, carried life and accidental insurance to the amount of about \$35,000.

GOVERNOR CRAVEN.

The Mayor of Trinity is Advocated for Governor.

The Madison Herald declares for Bruce Craven for Governor. "Governor Craven" would sound all right and would be all right. —Webster's Weekly.

INTERESTING HISTORY.

Found in Bottle in Wall of Old Court House.

Workmen engaged in pulling down the old court house last week found a bottle containing quite a bit of interesting history, which appears to have been written in 1876, by Thomas McGhee Moore, Justice of the Peace.

It reads as follows: Asheboro is the county seat of Randolph county. Randolph county was formed from Guilford and Rowan counties in 1779.

Asheboro at this writing contains a population of about 200, it has two churches, Presbyterian and Methodist, South. The Rev. Mr. Dalton occupies the pulpit in the Presbyterian church and the Rev. Mr. Craven in the Methodist church. Both churches unite in a Sabbath school and it is held in the Presbyterian church, it numbers about 75 students from the town and surrounding neighborhood. The cemetery is at the Methodist church.

Asheboro has two academies of learning, male and female. The colored people have also a church in this town.

Asheboro is incorporated and no intoxicating drinks of any kind or character is allowed to be sold in two miles of the court house.

Trinity College is situated in this county. The Rev. Braxton Craven, D. D., L. L. D., is president and is in a flourishing condition, 20 miles from Asheboro.

There is a Masonic Lodge in Asheboro, Balfour Lodge No. 188. The Independent order of Good Templars have a lodge in this town, Good Shepherd lodge No. 41.

The Randolph County Agricultural Society, hold their annual fairs in this town, they have a fair ground, enclosed, of four acres.

The Court House was covered with tin this year and painted by Benjamin F. Moore.

The ladies of this town is, and always have been remarkable for their beauty, industry, intelligence and virtue.

There will be found deposited in this wall another bottle or other bottles containing an account of the different employments of the inhabitants of this town with their names, or a portion of the more prominent who is doing business.

The grain crop is quite abundant this year and of good quality. There's much complaint among the people on account of the scarcity of money to pay their taxes owing to the county administration of government. There is published in this town a weekly newspaper called the Randolph Regulator, Democratic in principles and an unflinching advocate of retrenchment and reform in the administration of the government, Hon. Marmaduke S. Robins, editor.

The Hon. John Kerr is judge of the Superior Court.

October 16th, A. D. 1876.

The above named, Trinity College is the property of the Methodist church, South.

Thomas McGhee Moore, Justice of the Peace.

LEE COUNTY PRIMARY.

Beasley Runs Page Closely in The Primary Saturday.

In the primary held in Lee county Saturday, nine out of ten precincts give R. N. Page 298 and R. L. Beasley 252 for Congress; for State Senate, C. L. Williams 219 and K. R. Hoyle 262. Indications are that Page and Williams have carried the county by small majority. Only about 55 per cent. of the vote of the county was polled.

Charlotte "Booster" to Star.

At 7 o'clock on the morning of the 7th of May, Charlotte's first "booster" train will leave the Norfolk Southern station for Star, a distance of 73 miles. The trip will be called the "Trade Extension Trip" and is for the purpose of allowing the merchants of Charlotte to get acquainted along the new route recently opened up by the Norfolk Southern Railroad.

Clerk at Ashlyn.

Ernest Spencer has accepted a position as clerk at the Ashlyn Hotel. Young Mr. Spencer will no doubt make good in his chosen field. He knows all the travelling men, his father having been the former proprietor of the Central Hotel.

GUILFORD REPUBLICANS SELECT COUNTY TICKET

Reaffirm Allegiance to the Republican Platform—Indorse A. E. Holton for Congress

Republicans of Guilford county met in the court house at Greensboro at noon Saturday and nominated a full county ticket and indorsed Hon. A. E. Holton for Congress and reaffirmed their allegiance to the Republican platform. R. C. Chandley presided at the convention and E. E. Mendenhall was Secretary.

The following were selected to be nominated for county and other offices: Clifford C. Frazier for judge; W. P. Ragan, of High Point, Leonidas Herbin, of Greensboro, and R. E. Hodgin of Sumner township for the legislature; Daniel Hendricks, of Jamestown for Sheriff; Shubal E. Murrow, for Clerk of Court; E. E. Mendenhall, for Register of Deeds; Numa R. Wood, of Gibsonville, for Treasurer; Dr. D. A. Stanton, of High Point, for Coroner; Prof. C. D. Cobb, of McLeansville for Surveyor; and J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, W. J. Thompson, of Whitsett, D. Elias Wagoner, of Gibsonville, and R. L. Schoolfield, of Greensboro, R. F. D., for Commissioners.

The place for Solicitor was left blank for Davidson and Stokes to name a man, though Clifford C. Frazier, was mentioned for the place. Following these selections the meeting was adjourned until May 30, the regular convention day.

BEASLEY IN THE RUNNING

Many Newspapers in the District for Him

R. F. Beasley, Democratic candidate from Congress from the Seventh District, seems to have the support of a majority of the stronger newspapers in the district. They call the meeting of the Executive Committee in Asheboro a cut and dried affair, on account of the primary having been called so early.

Also a part of the business men in the district are supporting Mr Beasley. A letter written by a prominent business man of Asheboro, but which, unfortunately fell into the wrong hands reads in part as follows:

"I ask you to come to our support if you have not made up your mind to support Mr. Page and let us elect a man who will do something more than draw his salary. Mr. Page has done something more than draw his salary. He made a speech on garden seed, declaring them to be worthless, and he mails them out, just before the election day, hoping in that way to catch votes. Let us not be caught with a five-cent package of garden seed. They are not sound. * * *

Want Holton for Congress.

Republicans of Surry county are very much interested in the candidacy of Ex-District Attorney A. E. Holton for Congress in the fifth district and freely predict that he will be elected.

Swallows Paris Green; Dead.

A. E. McMillan, of Lumberton died last week as a result of having taken paris green. It appears that it was done with suicidal attempt.

Pay Your Poll Tax!

There remains unpaid at the present date a large number of poll taxes. The time limit for the paying of poll tax is May 1, and it behooves every citizen of the State to meet this obligation before the expiration of the time.

And all good Republicans are urged to pay up their poll tax promptly so they will not be debarred from voting in the coming election, which will be one of the hottest contests ever witnessed in Randolph county. Every vote will be needed when the day of decision arrives and the voters express themselves at the polls. Don't neglect this important matter and find yourself debarred from voting on election day. All poll taxes must be paid by May 1st. Remember the date

GERMANY, GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE

ADVISE HUERTA TO ACCEPT THE FIRST STEPS TOWARD RESTORATION OF PEACE

PICKARD-COWENHOVEN

Surprise Marriage at Greensboro Saturday.

An announcement that came as a great surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties, was that of the marriage of Mr. William H. Pickard, of Randleman, to Mrs. Frances Leach Cowenhoven, which took place at Greensboro Saturday.

The announcement is as follows: Mr. William Hiram Pickard and Mrs. Frances Leach Cowenhoven, Married Saturday, April the twenty-fifth, Nineteen Hundred and fourteen Greensboro, North Carolina.

At Home Idylwild, Hoffman, N. C. Mr. Pickard is the son of Mrs. M. E. Pickard, and the late J. O. Pickard, of Randleman, and has always played an interesting part in the development of Randleman. He is a progressive business man and well known throughout the state.

The bride is the daughter of the late Col. George Leach of Moore county, and is a beautiful and accomplished woman, known throughout this section of the State.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Daughters of Confederacy Will Hold Services.

The Randolph Chapter U. D. C. will hold memorial services on Saturday May 9th, at 11:30 a. m., at the graded school auditorium. Rev. J. E. Thompson will deliver the address. The Daughters of the Confederacy will serve dinner to the Confederate Soldiers and their wives just after the services, then all will march to the cemetery and decorate the graves of the soldiers buried there. The public is invited to these services.

LILLIAN BUNCH, Chm Program Committee.

Population of Mexico.

The native population of Mexico is about fifteen millions. They are classified as less than one-fifth, (19 per cent.,) white, 38 per cent. Indians, and 43 per cent. as mixed bloods. The whites are mainly the descendants of Spanish adventurers, who conquered the ruling Aztecs and subjugated the country. The Indians include the race mentioned and endless admixtures. The mixed bloods are crosses of the Spanish and native.

The Aztecs, survivors of perhaps the superiors of all the native American races of their time, comprises a little more than one-fourth of the Indian population. There are upwards of 100,000 foreign residents in Mexico, including some Chinese and Filipinos, and of late years many Japanese. There have been counted of present and past separate idioms and dialects in Mexico, no fewer than 182.

No Chance to Resign.

The situation with the State Military companies is different from what it was at the beginning of the Spanish-American trouble. At that time State rules and regulations prevailed. Remember the celebrated "try-out meeting of the Hornets Nest Rifleman" when the call came for volunteers? In answer to the roll scarcely enough men to form a squad stepped to the front. There will be nothing of that sort this time. The men are under United States Army regulations. They will not have the choice of resigning. On the other hand the call out of the troops would be followed by a special examination. Any member of the National Guard found physically deficient would be dropped from the ranks. All others would be sent to the front. In the case of officers resignations are permitted under certain conditions, but there is scarcely an officer in the State who would be willing to offer his resignation in the face of a call to duty. There may be some chaps under age, and these may wiggle out of going to the front, but every able-bodied man is in for it.—Charlotte Observer.

To Carthage.

Mr. A. A. Spencer has purchased a lumber plant in Moore county, near Carthage, and left Asheboro last week. Mr. Spencer's family will reside in Asheboro.

GEN. WOOD TO COMMAND

BIG ARMY AT VERA CRUZ

Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery Will Advance on Mexico City From Vera Cruz.

A Washington special to the Greensboro Daily News Sunday follows:

Army plans, which it is understood are approved by the Administration, will not be affected by the agreement of the United States to mediation proposals made by Argentine, Brazil and Chile. The plan hinges upon the acceptance of the proposals of all Mexican elements—federal and constitutionalists. Cessation of American operations will not follow until these acceptances are received.

The present plan is to concentrate in Vera Cruz within 10 days a full army division of 20,000 men under the command of General Wood. The number will be augmented to 30,000 at the earliest possible moment. This army, to be composed of the pick of the regular infantry, cavalry, engineers and artillery, will probably advance direct on Mexico City. It is certain, that with Vera Cruz as a base, a position will be taken in the higher ground inland from the port now held by the American marines and bluejackets.

Official confirmation of the purpose to extend the scale of operations thus is lacking; but there is no doubt that the above is the present plan of Secretary of War, Garrison, who is not at all in sympathy with the ideas of Secretary of State Bryan, of continued "watchful waiting" steps toward carrying out the plans have already been made.

Capt. Douglas McArthur, personal aide to General Wood, is now on the way to Vera Cruz. General Wood plans to follow Tuesday. The fact that General Wood, the ranking officer of the army will be sent close on the heels of Brigadier General Funston, constitutes ample evidence that not less than a major general's command—a division—will be concentrated at the war center.

Offers to Raise Negro Regiment

Col. James H. Young and Capt. J. E. Hamlin, of Raleigh, two of the leading negroes of the State have offered to raise a regiment of negro soldiers to fight in the Mexican war.

Five Nurses Volunteer.

Wilmington, April 25.—Five Wilmington nurses have reported to Mrs. Culbreth Martin, president of the local chapter of the Red Cross Society, and announced their willingness to go to Mexico to help care for the wounded whenever their services are needed. The society as a whole is getting in readiness for any emergency which may arise.

QUAKERS PRAY FOR PEACE

President is Asked to Prevent Bloodshed if Possible.

A telegram asking President Wilson to do all in his power to avoid the use of arms in the settlement of the Mexican trouble was sent to Washington last week by the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Orthodox Friends. The telegram reads as follows: "We earnestly pray that God may strengthen and support thy heart in peaceable settlement of the Mexican trouble. We hope that a way will be found to prevent this nation from dipping its hands in the blood of our Mexican neighbors."

CLOSING EXERCISES.

Asheboro Commencement Begins Sunday.

The commencement exercises of the Asheboro graded school begin on next Sunday with the commencement sermon by Rev. J. E. Thompson, and on the Monday night following, the Class Day exercises take place.

The Literary Address will be delivered on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock by President W. A. Harper, of Elon College.

To Unveil Confederate Monument.

On May 13th at Louisville, there will be unveiled a Confederate Monument. Governor Craig has accepted an invitation to deliver the address.

A Pacific Adjustment of The Mexican Trouble is Now Looked For.

AMERICANS ARE ALL SAFE

British Embassy Completes Arrangements for Americans to Leave Mexico City.

Washington, April 27.—The tenseness of the Mexican situation was distinctly relieved today when the representatives of Argentine, Brazil and Chile, supported by pressure from all Latin-America and from the foremost powers of Europe, concentrated their efforts toward a pacific adjustment of the crisis.

The success of the first steps toward mediation—the prompt acceptance by the United States and the announcement of the Spanish ambassador that Huerta had accepted the tender of good offices—produced a feeling of distinct hope which was reflected not only in administration quarters, but in Congress, where "war talk" gave away to a spirit of conciliation.

Throughout the day the three South American envoys, who have undertaken the task of mediation, held conferences to arrange the preliminaries of procedure. Pending the receipts of the formal acceptance by General Huerta, no proposals will be submitted to either the United States or the Huerta government. It also has been made plain that no conditions from either party as to the terms that will be acceptable as yet has been placed formally before the intermediaries.

The President and Secretary Bryan were assured through two separate diplomatic sources that Huerta was ready to accept the tender of good offices and was drafting a formal acceptance. Pressure from Germany, Great Britain and France, advising Huerta to accept the first steps toward mediation, and the approving attitude of Latin-American countries to the settlement of the controversy by Pan-American diplomacy, emphasized the world-wide influences which are working to bring about peace.

Meanwhile the navy and war departments are continuing their efforts to care for refugees and perfecting the machinery of the army and navy for any unexpected turn in events.

Washington, April 27.—Formal acceptance by the Huerta government of the offer of Argentina, Brazil and Chile to use their good offices to bring about an amicable settlement of difficulty between the United States and Mexico was cabled to Spanish Ambassador Riano here tonight by Portillo y Rojas, Foreign Minister in the Huerta Cabinet.

Go Into Conference

Senor Rojas' note was transmitted at once to the three South American diplomats, who began a conference which lasted far into the night discussing the next move in their peace plan. Secretary Bryan, having accepted the offer of good offices when tendered the United States Saturday, the first step now is completed and the way paved for actual negotiations looking to a peaceful clearing up of the situation. Neither Ambassador Riano nor the peace envoys make public the text of the Huerta acceptance. It was said, however, that Senor Rojas replied briefly, accepting the offer and thanking the South American plenipotentiaries and the Spanish Ambassador for their good offices, with a reference to "the real spirit of solidarity between peoples of a same race."

MANY PERSONS HURT IN A. C. L. WRECK

The Worst of the Injured Hurred to Wilson.

Wilson, April 27.—Eight people are in local hospitals suffering from injuries received when northbound passenger train No. 48 on the Atlantic Coast Line was wrecked at Contentnea Creek, four miles south of Wilson. Twenty or 25 others were bruised or received slight injuries. It was almost a miracle that many passengers escaped death.

Handwritten note: I thought we