

## MEXICAN GENERAL DESIRES ANOTHER BORDER MEETING

### Avoidance Of Friction Between Border Forces Sought By The Generals.

### PERSHING SEND ANSWER

#### Mexican General Asks Pershing To Confer With His Person- ally, And If Not Personally By Telegraph.

(By International News Service.)

El Paso, May 25.—Another border conference will be staged if General Pershing is willing. The Mexican party to the proposed discussion is General Quijave, commanding Carranza forces of the de facto government on the Chihuahua front. The official purpose of the meeting between the two generals "is the avoidance of friction" in the joint patrol of the border land.

A telegram addressed to General Pershing "wherever he may be" was dispatched by General Quijave today. The commander of Juarez garrison said in explanation of his message that his sole object in his suggestion to General Pershing that they confer was to avoid friction between the American and Carranzistas patrol. If, however, General Pershing were willing to take up with him the general subject of withdrawal of American troops, General Quijave said nothing would give him a great pleasure.

The telegram from General Quijave to General Pershing was sent this morning. No reply had been received tonight. General Quijave said he did not expect to receive a reply from General Pershing within a day or two.

"In ignorance," said General Quijave this afternoon, "of just where General Pershing has established his headquarters I did not know how to address my invitation. Consequently I sent it to one of our commanders at Casas Grandes requesting him to forward it, with the least possible delay, to the American commanding officer. It is naturally my desire as commanding officer of the Mexican forces in the frontier zone to make every possible effort to avoid friction between our soldiers and those of the American army. It occurred to me that the best way of beginning my new duties was to come to a definite understanding with the American general. If it is impossible for him to confer with me personally, I shall be glad to have a telegraphic conference."

General Quijave felt very proud of his day's work and there are many predictions in Juarez that if his proposed negotiations with General Pershing turn out successfully General Quijave would become a great figure in contemporary Mexican history.

## Number Mysterious Fires In Kinston

Kinston, May 25.—A serious fire, which started in a farmhouse on a plantation of T. H. Loflin a few miles south of here last Saturday was today continuing. The number is now more than 25. Chemists have been asked to come here from Raleigh and Washington. Thomas Chase the tenant, and his family have moved all of their belongings except a few articles out of the house. The house itself does not catch, but pieces of furniture, beds and garments in every room ignite through some mysterious agency.

The children of the family have been watched and persons investigating are convinced that they have had nothing to do with the burning blazes. The fire in some instances start under the very eyes of watchers. That some undefined element is affecting the articles ignited is presumed from the fact that a piece of matting taken from the house into a neighboring house immediately burst into flames.

## WHERE BICKETT AND DAUGHTRIDGE STAND

The Publicity Committee of the State Farmers' Union has just sent the editor of The News the answers of Messrs. T. W. Bickett and E. L. Daughtridge, candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina, concerning the eleven matters of State legislation advocated by the organized farmers of North Carolina. "The questions were mailed by Secretary Fairies on April 12th," the committee reports, "a 30-day time limit being fixed for replies. Mr. Bickett answered on April 27th and Mr. Daughtridge answered May 19th." Following is a summary of the questions and answers, Mr. Daughtridge's answers being given in full and Mr. Bickett's slightly condensed:

(1) "Repeal of merchant's crop lien."

Mr. Bickett's answer: Believes in providing a substitute for the crop lien by "enacting legislation that will make it easier for the honest, industrious, and economical tenant to get cash to buy such supplies as he cannot make at home." Also favors a campaign to make crop liens unnecessary by diversified farming encouraged by (1) agriculture in the schools, (2) better farming methods, and (3) government aid to help farmers to more profitable marketing of their crops.

Mr. Daughtridge's answer: "I favor the repeal of the merchant's crop lien as soon as a rural credit system, or some other satisfactory substitute, can be established in the rural communities of our State. I have for several years furnished my tenants and farm help the cash at the legal rate of interest, and they purchase their supplies wherever they like."

(2) "Provisions permitting neighborhoods to adopt race segregation in land ownership."

Mr. Bickett's answer: Expresses sympathy with "farmers in white communities who, asserting that a homogeneous population is necessary for the proper support of schools, churches and rural community life, complain that absentee owners often introduce negro land owners into neighborhoods that would otherwise remain wholly in white hands," but believes that in order to avoid conflict with the Federal Constitution any amendment to our constitution would have to be framed on considerations

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## Movements Along The Italian Front

(By International News Service.)

London, May 25.—With two great Austrian armies already on Italian soil and pounding furiously at the Italian lines in an effort to overrun northern Italy, the War Office at Rome tonight admitted the situation developed by the Austrian drive was serious. The tension of the Austrian drive was, for a minute at least, considerably diminished and high officials, both ministerial and military, expressed utmost confidence according to dispatches from the Italian capital.

The Italians are now formed stringly on a line from Arsiero and Asiago, to the north of these towns. The Austrians are attacking in three groups. The right wing, sweeping Susanna Valley, is developing operations on the heights from Salorio to Borfo. The center group comprising the armies of the Archduke Charles Franz Joseph are hammering at the Italian front. The right wing is not making much progress being blocked by the stubborn Italian resistance between Agno and Gohn valley.

## German Capitalists Plan Big Dye Plant

(By International News Service.)

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 25.—German capitalists in Berlin today purchased 178 acres of land on Black Lake near Holland for the erection of a \$200,000 dye plant. The company will employ 700 men and will begin building immediately.

## HEAVY FIGHTING AT VERDUN CONTINUES WITH GREAT FURY

### Armies Have No Time To Bury Their Dead Or Attend To Wounded.

### MADE SERIES OF ATTACKS

#### Against The French Positions And Were Only Successful At One Point, Capturing A First Line Trench.

(By International News Service.)

London, May 25.—The fighting at Verdun continues with implacable fury. There is not even time to bury the dead or succor the wounded.

The Germans from their recaptured position in the ruse of Fort Douaumont have swept forward south and southwest and taken more French trenches and have retaken the Quarry in the Daudramont woods, chief part of the fort which the French carried by assault in the dash in Douaumont this afternoon.

The Crown Prince made an effort to clean out every French position between the woods of Fort Douaumont which lies southwest of Douaumont. A whole series of attacks were delivered and a French trench captured.

On their side the French have not been reduced to the defensive. On Wednesday night they delivered three counter attacks on Culmeres in an endeavor to recapture that village, two miles east of Dead Man Hill. On the west side of the Meuse they were all beaten out, the Germans say.

For the rest there was an unceasing artillery engagement along the whole front.

Late dispatches from Paris state that the new tide which has turned at Verdun is excepted as an inevitable incident, but by no means as a decision. French military authorities declare that the result of the month's fighting has only given the Germans an average gain of three hundred meters on the west of the Meuse and that on the east of the river the line, except at Douaumont, is the same as it was on April 25.

## VALUABLE OFFICIAL PAPERS DESTROYED

(By International News Service.)

New York, May 25.—Papers of the utmost importance to the Navy Department, maps of inestimable value and diagrams of proposed improvements on battleships were sent to destruction by fire in the Brooklyn Navy Yard tonight. Every effort was made to keep the details of the fire secret.

The fire was of such seriousness, however, that for the first time in many years the city fire department was called upon to aid in the controlling of the flames.

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## ANOTHER HUNDRED VENIREMEN IN ORPET CASE SUBPOENAED

### Score Of Business Men Failed To Qualify As Jurors Yesterday.

### 736 VENIREMEN CALLED

#### Defendant Orpet Will Attempt To Establish A Case Of In- sanity In Some Branches Of The Lambert Family.

(By International News Service.)

Waukegan, Ill., May 25.—After a score of Waukegan business men, including two bankers, had failed to qualify today as jurors in the trial of Will Orpet for the murder of his schoolgirl sweetheart, another panel of one hundred veniremen were subpoenaed which will bring the total up to 736. At the last big murder trial in this section more than 2,500 veniremen were called and bets are now being made that the Orpet trial will break this record. The outstanding developments in the case today were: Confirmation of the news that the defendant would attempt to establish a case of insanity in some branches of the Lambert family, and that the father and mother of Marion Lambert would be called to prove that the girl had suffered from hallucinations.

Announcement was made that the prosecution will take character witnesses of Orpet, through the testimony of a number of his acquaintances.

With the death shrieks of a jailmate ringing in his ears, Will Orpet came into court yesterday shak and trembling from a night of horror. The pale young student, who is charged with the murder of his sweetheart, Marion Lambert, literally sank into his seat in the courtroom.

Robert Murray, a whiskey-wrecked ruin, died in his cell, next to Orpet's, in the county jail early today in the midst of an attack of delirium tremens. His maddened shrieks kept the jail awake all night as he writhed about the floor rattling the chains with which the guards sought to hold him. In his brain there was a delusion that he was about to be hanged. Wild screams of "Take the rope away!" "Don't hang me!" reverberated through the jail throughout the night. Guards said that Orpet paced his narrow cell all night with his fingers in his ears to shut out the shrieks. His face showed that he had not slept.

A touching scene was enacted before the crowded court as Mrs. Orpet came into the courtroom. Her son met her halfway down the aisle and he held him in a long embrace while the spectators, moved by the sight turned their heads away. All during the morning Orpet sat very close to his mother.

## WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Fair Friday and Saturday. Gentle shifting winds.

## REPORT NOW READY FOR DEPOSITORS MEETING

Committee representing depositors of Fourth National Bank has finished looking over the paper held by the bank and are now ready to make their report at the general meeting of the depositors which will be held at the opera house Saturday, May 27th, at 12 o'clock. The following gentlemen on this committee called in some others while going over the paper: Messrs. C. W. Sandrock, W. F. Clayton, D. M. Stringfield and H. S. Dunn.

This committee, it is understood, will recommend to the depositors and others interested, the organization of a new bank instead of the re-organization of the old bank. It is stated this plan is the only one that will save the depositors loss unless some outside bank takes over the whole affairs of the old bank, which is improbable.

Every depositor is urged to be present at the meeting Saturday, and the co-operation of every citizen is asked, in order that definite steps may be taken at once.

## Many Civil Service Positions Now Open

It was announced Wednesday by the department that the following Civil Service jobs are open in the various sections of the United States:

Assistant in poisonous plant investigations (male), \$1,200 to \$1,500 a year; apprentice draftsman and photographer in the Bureau of Mines, Pittsburgh, salary \$900 a year; assistant examiner in the Patent Office at Washington, \$1,500; assistant physician (male), Bureau of Standards, Washington, \$1,400 to \$1,800 a year; salvage superintendent at the Norfolk Navy Yard, \$4 to \$6 a day; telephone engineer (male), in the Forest Service, Denver, \$1,800 a year; male master mechanic at the Naval Gun Factory, Washington Navy Yard, \$7.44 a day; male metal mining engineer, Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, \$2,400 to \$4,000; foreman boiler-maker in the Charleston Navy Yard, \$6 a day; male aid, Coast and Geodetic Survey, \$90 a month.

## Monkey Fishing The Latest Memphis Sport

(By International News Service.)

Memphis, Tenn., May 25.—Frank Vance, a nineteen year old boy, came to Memphis from Little Rock, Ark., thinking to enjoy fishing in the Mississippi river. The water was muddy and the fish failed to bite. So young Vance went to the zoo baited his hooks with peanuts and fished for monkeys. He caught two before a guard caught him.

## State's Own Railroad Big Georgia Issue

(By International News Service.)

Atlanta, Ga., May 25.—The sale of the Western and Atlantic railroad, owned by the State of Georgia and with its principal line running from Chattanooga to Atlanta, will be one of the big issues of the coming Georgia gubernatorial race.

Joe R. Potts, one of the candidates for governor, has openly announced he is opposed to the sale of the road and will go before the people on that issue. The road is held under lease by the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad, which is closely identified with the Louisville and Nashville railroad. The Louisville and Nashville is seeking to sell the W. & A., but the last legislature declined to grant a charter.

The W. & A. gives the State of Georgia a monthly revenue of some \$50,000. Should the State fail to sell or renew the lease a movement will be started to have the line extended to Savannah. Should be N. C. & St. L. fail to secure the road for another term of years it is probable a new line will be built into Atlanta, from Gadsden, Ala., its southern terminus, through Anniston, Ala., and Cartersville Ga., to Atlanta.

## BANDITS IN GREAT NUMBERS APPROACH BIG BEND SECTION

### General Funston Will Send Tex- as Instead Of Eagle Pass Infantry.

### COURT MARTIAL ORDERED

#### War Department Desires A Rul- ing On The Law Relative To Mustering State Militia Into Federal Service.

(By International News Service.)

San Antonio, Texas, May 25.—General Funston today made a sudden switch of plans and will send the fourth Texas Infantry into the Big Bend country instead of the Eagle Pass infantry. It is evident that the approach of Mexican bandit forces to points near the river in threatening numbers were the causes of this change. The former National Guard Regiment will garrison Presido Lajinas, Lajinas and other towns of the Big Bend section.

General Funston received instructions from Washington to appoint members of a court martial to try the 116 Texas guardsmen who failed to present themselves or muster. Similar court martial will try New Mexico and Arizona guardsmen who refused to go into the Federal service. The penalty is discretionary with the court. It is known that the War Department is not so intent upon punishment for the guardsmen who evaded Federal service as for a wish to get a ruling on the section of the Dick law which relates to the mustering of State militia into Federal service.

## Harnett Negro To Be Electrocuted July 15

The most important shrdlu cmfw Lillington, May 24.—The most important case in the superior court, which convened her Monday and came to a close this morning, was the State v. James McCall, a negro boy nineteen years old, who was tried and convicted for criminal assault on a six year old girl living in Upper Little River township. The crime was committed several months ago and the defendant was arrested and placed in the State prison for safe-keeping to avoid an attempt at lynching the negro.

The trial of the case was short, and the only evidence was admission of the defendant and the testimony of Dr. J. W. Holford and Dr. L. J. Arps, together with the testimony of the mother of the girl. The jury returned a verdict of guilty and Judge Lyon sentenced James McCall to be electrocuted on July 15, 1916. When the Judge asked the convicted man if he had anything to say why he should not be sentenced to death he said he had nothing to say. The defendant was represented by Hon. D. H. McLean and E. F. Young, being appointed by the court.

The sheriff, J. M. Boyd, and Judge Lyon expressed gratitude that the people of Harnett had been so law-abiding in the midst of such a serious crime having been committed.

## Cotton Planters Pay Dearly For Their Seed

(By International News Service.)

Memphis, Tenn., May 25.—Many cotton planters in the South who induced to sell their cotton seed at from \$30 to \$40 per ton last fall are to pay \$100 a ton for it for plant this spring. Every farmer who kept enough seed for planting when the first planting failed to be forced to buy seed.

Cotton seed was thrown away a few years ago. Then it sold at 5 to 10 a ton. It went to \$10 and \$12 per ton five or six years ago and after the outbreak of the European war it mounted to as much as \$40 per ton and sold at that figure last fall.

**Depositors of the Fourth National Bank Notice.**

**Every Depositor be Sure to be at the Opera House, May 27th at 12 O'clock a. m.**

**COMMITTEE FOR DEPOSITORS:**  
C. W. Sandrock, Chairman; W. F. Clayton, D. M. Stringfield; H. S. Dunn.