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## VILLA GENERALS ARE READY FOR PEACE

**Villa With 400 Men Has Disappeared, But May Cross Border.—May Mean Peace.**

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 20.—Although a number of his generals have entered into peace negotiations with the de facto Government of Mexico, Gen. Francisco Villa was reported tonight to have gathered 400 armed men somewhere in the State of Chihuahua to oppose his former organization.

The Carranza de facto Government is in official control of the former Villa State of Chihuahua by virtue of an agreement reached between Generals Roberto Limon, Manuel Banda, Lieut. Gen. Flaviano Paliza and Col. Eduardo Andalon, and Andreas Garcia, of the Carranza Consulate here, by which about 4,000 troops and the organization of the Villa government, including the cities of Juarez and Chihuahua and all border points, accept Carranza domination. The agreement grants amnesty to all but General Villa and his brother Hipolito.

The generals entered into conference yesterday as delegates from General Villa to confer with Mr. Garcia upon plans to turn over the entire territory and all troops and arms, and for himself to leave the Capital without any following.

They reported the result of their conference last night to General Villa at Chihuahua City.

Late today they had received no reply from General Villa and instead, learned that after receiving their advice General Villa gathered 400 men and left Chihuahua City and that his whereabouts were unknown.

Upon opening the conference with the Carranza Consul today, the Villa generals announced they would proceed on the unrecinded authorization as given by General Villa. They said they believed Villa feared that the delegates would not be able to secure him immunity from prosecution should he cross the international line.

The surrender of the Villa organization includes most of his army, about 75 per cent of the rolling stock of the railroads of Mexico and the State of Chihuahua and the richest mining and livestock district in Mexico.

According to officials here the foreign interests in Villa-controlled territory have suffered a loss estimated at \$50,000,000, due to confiscation and alleged thefts of ore, cattle and other property and the depreciation of Villa currency. These officials charge that churches were stripped of their treasures, banks looted of coin and specie and confiscated goods given away to satisfy people ruined by lack of employment and depreciation of Villa currency.

## WITHDRAWAL OF ALL TROOPS FROM GREECE

Without the Turks being aware of the movement, a great army has been withdrawn from one of the areas occupied on the Gallipoli Peninsula, says the official announcement of the withdrawal of about 100,000 British troops from the Sulva and Anzac zones. Thus the long and costly efforts of the French and British forces to reduce the Dardanelles forts has been virtually concluded.

In the Western war zone the British front has been the scene of heavy bombardments, both sides using their big guns at long range. In addition engagements between aircraft have been a feature of the fighting, not less than 44 combats in the air having taken place on December 20, two of the German aeroplanes being shot down and others driven off in a damaged condition, according to the British report and one of the British machines being reported as missing.

On the Greek frontier the Entente Allies continue to fortify themselves in the expectation of an attempted advance by the Germans, if not the Bulgarians. An Athens dispatch says Greek troops have interposed themselves between the Anglo-French lines and the Bulgarians by the occupation of Dorian.

## CARD OF THANKS.

W. T. Overman and Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Ritchie desire to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses and sympathy shown them during the sickness and death of their beloved wife and daughter, Browne. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done unto Me."

W. T. OVERMAN,  
MR. AND MRS. D. D. RITCHIE.

## BIG FUTURE FOR ALBEMARLE

The undercurrent of discussion the past few days in commercial circles has it that there is "something doing" in Albemarle and vicinity that will shortly command widespread attention and surprising activity in real estate and developments.

The building of the great power dam, on which millions of dollars have been expended, the Aluminum Company and the full direction of the developments incident, are in the hands of new people, and a large working force is being gathered from all parts of the country to push this gigantic task of harnessing and utilizing the power of the Yadkin River to an early completion.

What is of most interest generally is the rumor that one of the wealthiest concerns in America will begin at once, in the mills of the Aluminum Company that have been completed, a most extensive manufacturing proposition which will employ thousands of men. It is also known that other mills are to be added at the earliest possible moment, work on same already having been started, and that at no time has the stimulation of all lines of business, local and nearby ever reached what we are told to expect.

Nineteen years ago the town of Albemarle saw its first brick business building, and its population at that time was so small that it was no trouble to stand on one of the corners and count them up in sight. By the encouragement and courtesy extended by public-spirited men and their lasting belief in the advantages of the location over all others, and their unselfish efforts in behalf of its growth and development, Albemarle now has within its corporate limits over seven thousand people, and it is the belief of some of the most optimistic of these boosters that within a short time the population will have doubled. One of the leading business men of the city is authority for the statement that within the next few months the population will be increased by at least two thousand by reason of increased payrolls at the industries in the city and immediate vicinity.

There can be no doubt of the substantial and steady growth of Albemarle and all the smaller towns about it and enthusiasm is running so high in Badin and vicinity that many claim a city equal to Hopewell, Va., the Dupont Powder City, will be under course of construction within less than sixty days. Several of the best tracts of land adjoining the company's property have been purchased and several thousand lots, for which there is already a demand, will be ready to offer for sale in January.—Contributed.

## STANLY COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The Stanly County Teachers' Association will meet in regular session Saturday, January 15, 1916. The following program will be carried out: Devotional exercises—J. D. Rankin. Song.

Primary Department.—"How to Prevent Tardiness."—Miss Vera Crowell.

"How to Teach Pupils in the Primary Department to Study."—Miss Catherine Cochran.

"Object Lessons."—Miss Lottie Smith.

"Discipline."—Miss Beulah Hatley. Grammar Grades.—"Should all the Supplementary Readings be Used as Recommended in The Outline Course of Study?"

"When Should History be Placed in the Grades?"—J. A. Bunch, O. D. Ritchie, and others.

"Exercises in Decimals."—E. E. Morgan. d23-3t

## Big Real Estate Corporation Formed in Richmond for Stanly Co.

The Virginia-Carolina Development Corporation was chartered in Richmond some time ago to operate in real estate in and around Badin and Albemarle.

The company is composed of the very best men in the business. R. L. Van Horn, of Clifton Forge, is president; E. W. Grice, general superintendent of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, is vice president, and J. H. Drewry, cashier of the Clifton Forge National Bank, is secretary and treasurer. The directors are H. P. Hammond, of Tampa, Fla.; F. P. Jackson, of Wilson, N. C.; J. F. Peck, of New York City, is managing director.

The company intends to start operations at once and will be active in all Albemarle's growth to become a city.

## "A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

The pen trails slowly over the words, for we ask, how can we hope that our souls shall be merry when the song of the Christmas angels is drowned in the cries of the murdered and massacred hundreds of thousands of human being that ring in our ears from the awful carnage across the waters? The season that should be full of "Peace on earth—good will toward men," is full of tears, headache and distracting sympathy for the agonies of our brothers and sisters who are being butchered wholesale in other lands. So much has been said, and better said than my words can say, that I feel that nothing can be added here. One has but to read the daily news of the events transpiring in the war zone to feel the deepest sorrow, that such things should be. All over the world, outside the leaders in the awful war, men and women and children are reaching out sympathetic hands and offering the little they can give to undo the dreadful effects of the worse than brutal savagery that has made the fighting nations drunk with the blood of their kin. So we turn halfheartedly to our own homes, trying to kindle in the loving hearts about us the glow of grateful thanks that we have been spared the horrors about us. And we can but hope that the time will be shortened, and that soon again all the world shall be at peace, one with another. All over our own land, grand-hearted men and women are working toward that end, and while we remember the song of the angels on the birth of the Christ Child, let us pray for the "peace and good will" that alone can scatter the awful clouds and leave the sun again shining over our world. If we can not hush the terrible sounds ringing in our own ears, let us at least make the day bright for the young and hopeful, the little children that are safe in our own homes. A comfortable Christmas, and a prosperous New Year to our readers.—The Commoner.

## TRAINS RUN IN TWO SECTIONS

Nos. 35, 36, 37, and 38 to Have Two Sections Each Day During the Holiday Season.

To provide adequate facilities for handling travel incident to the holiday season and also to take care of the movement of mail and express the Southern Railway has arranged to run trains 35, 36, 37, and 38 between Washington and Atlanta in two sections up to and including December 24. Nos. 35 and 36 were run in two sections, beginning December 15 and Nos. 37 and 38 will be run in two sections from today. Additional sleeping cars and coaches will be handled on other trains as the travel may demand.

## CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

Children's exercises will be held at recitations, Christmas carols, and the churches named below; songs, recitations, Christmas trees, and the ubiquitous Santa Claus, will give pleasure to young and old:

First Baptist church tonight. West Albemarle Baptist church, Friday night.

Central Methodist church, Friday night.

First Street Methodist church, Friday night.

First Lutheran church, Friday night.

## MISSIONARY QUILT SALE.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Palmerville Baptist church requests the honor of your presence at the selling of the "Missionary Quilt" December 23, after the Christmas exercises at the Y. M. S. A., which will begin about 8 o'clock, P. M. The following are the names of those already in the contest:

MISS LOLA VANN EDDINS.  
MISS MYRTLE COOPER.  
MISS NELL NICHOLS.  
MISS VIOLA COGGIN.  
MISS RUTH COX.  
MISS GERTRUDE COGGIN.

Others may enter the contest. The proceeds will go toward painting the Baptist Parsonage.

## Laughter Aids Digestion.

Laughter is one of the most healthful exertions; it is of great help to digestion. A still more effectual help is a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. If you should be troubled with indigestion give them a trial. They only cost a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.

## THE SHARING OF PROSPERITY.

News and Observer. There is evidence throughout the United States that all classes of our citizens are sharing in the prosperity which comes with the increasing business being done in this country and by this country, and that in the products of the soil the farmers of all sections are finding this year conditions to their liking.

It is possible to know what portion of the gains from increased business goes to the different classes which share in it, and so there may be had knowledge of what part of the present prosperity of the United States has gone to labor. In New York this has been figured out by one of the departments, and telling of this the New York World declares that reports from all over the country show an increasing demand for labor, and at higher wages. In this matter the World says:

"How largely labor has shared in the general prosperity of the country is revealed in the November report of the Bureau of Statistics of the State Industrial Commission. Among 600,000 employees in 1,300 representative manufacturing plants in this State, wage increases run from 21 to 41 per cent. In every industry group, as is classified by the commission, more operatives were employed and more wages paid last November than in the same month last year. Comparison of payrolls shows 14 per cent more operatives and 25 per cent more wages to the credit of November, 1915.

"These conditions are not local. They are not limited to one State or one section or to a few favored industries. Reports from all over the country are to the same general effect—labor has been in great demand and wages have risen. Large employers have been actively bidding against one another in the labor market, and in some quarters there has been a marked shortage of workers. It is not merely a war boom by which a few munition makers have profited, but a strong, sustained movement felt everywhere in trade and industry, in the factories and mills, by the railroads, by skilled and unskilled labor.

"This rising prosperity of labor is accompanied by phenomenal farm crops whose market value exceeds all records. In the widest sense, labor—employed for its direct gain in agriculture or employed for wages in industrial establishments—is probably receiving a fuller share of the benefits of good times than it has ever before known."

## BAPTIST UNION MEETING.

The Stanly Baptist Union Will Meet With Mission Baptist Church on Friday Before the Fifth Sunday in January, and Will Discuss the Following Programme:

### FRIDAY.

11 A. M. Sermon.—R. P. Walker. Intermission.

1:30 P. M. Roll call and organization.

2:15 P. M. Duty of a Parent to the Child.—W. A. Hough and T. F. Rogers.

3 P. M. Miscellaneous Business.

### SATURDAY.

10 A. M. Devotional exercises.—R. N. Huneycutt.

10:15 What is a New Testament Church?—R. P. Walker and J. C. Gillespie.

11:15 What is the Proper Relationship (1) of the Pastor to the Church?—E. M. Brooks. (2) Of the Church to the Pastor?—E. F. Eddins.

Intermission.

1:30 P. M. What Should be Our Attitude Toward Roman Catholicism?—B. G. Whitley and R. P. Walker.

2:10 P. M. Duty of the Church to New Converts.—J. S. Harris and J. C. Gillespie.

2:45 Miscellaneous.

3 Adjournment.

### SUNDAY.

10 A. M. Why Should the Officers and teachers of the Sunday School be Elected by the Church.—T. W. Fogleman.

10:30 Teaching of the Sunday School Lesson: Teacher.—A. P. Harris.

11 Sermon.—E. M. Brooks.

We recommend that all visitors and delegates remain till close of Union on Sunday.

S. A. POPLIN,  
R. F. HOWARD,  
R. N. HUNEYCUTT,  
Committee.

## Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days.

Your druggist will refund money if PAIN-EXPELLER fails to cure any case of itching, bleeding or protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest. See

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FORMED

A large number of the Wake Forest Alumni met on last Thursday night in the office of R. Lane Brown and organized an Alumni Association for Stanly county, the Association to be composed of former Wake Forest students residing in this county. Quite a large number of former students were present in spite of the inclement weather. There are a large number of former Wake Forest students residing in the county, and it is desired that every one of them join this Association. Those wishing to join are requested to notify P. B. Coggin.

The following officers of the Association were elected: President, O. J. Sikes; Vice President, R. Lane Brown; Secretary and Treasurer, P. B. Coggin.

The following committees were appointed: Executive Committee, R. P. Walker, E. F. Eddins, A. P. Harris, Social Committee, A. C. Huneycutt, C. M. Palmer, O. D. Ritchie. Athletic Committee, I. R. Burleyson, Mike Parker, Ray Ingram.

The purposes of the Association are as follows: First: To preserve and quicken on the part of the Alumni and others such an interest in Wake Forest College as will insure the attendance of students by personal work and the establishment of scholarships and other loan funds. Second: The improvement of equipment and the enlargement of income by gifts and bequests. Third: The widest service of the college to its constituency, through its laboratories, professors, and publications. Fourth: The safeguarding and encouragement of the college literary societies. Fifth: The purity and efficiency of competitive college athletics. Sixth: To foster and extend throughout North Carolina and Stanly county in particular, the spirit of education and according to opportunity and wise public policy to enlarge the provisions for public, private and denominational education.

## WALTER P. ANDREWS ELECTED POTENTATE

Former North Carolinian is Chosen to Succeed Forest Adair.

Atlanta, December 18.—The election of Walter P. Andrews, of Atlanta, as potentate of Yaarab Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will be received with general interest not only throughout the State but also throughout the nation.

For a long time Colonel Andrews has been identified with the best interests and ideals of this organization. He has an acquaintanceship and friendship among Shriners that stretches from coast to coast, and he is regarded as the logical successor to Potentate Forest Adair under whose administration the Yaarab Temple has splendidly prospered.

Colonel Andrews is a member of the Georgia Assembly and is prominent in the civic, political and social life of Atlanta.

## REAL ESTATE FIRM BUSY.

The Albemarle Real Estate and Insurance Company remodeled its offices the past week and now has a splendidly arranged and very attractive office. This is the tenth anniversary of this company, it having started business in 1905. Within that time it has developed the Hearne Heights property and the Southside Property, besides the other individual propositions it has handled. In the offices of the company is also the Home Builders' Association, which has been notably successful since its organization, it now having between 1,500 and 2,000 shares in force. The Albemarle Real Estate and Insurance Company does a general real estate, insurance and loan business and for the past seven years has been under the management of W. L. Mann, as secretary and treasurer; S. H. Hearne, is its president, and J. S. Efrid, vice president.

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

The following are home for the holidays:

Elsie Teeter, Brevard Institute; Myrna Crowell, teacher, Waynesville; Joedie Dunn, teacher, Stateville; Pet Marks, teacher, Winston-Salem; Mary Biles, student, Washington, D. C.; Tom Blalock and Clyde Skidmore, Horner School, Charlotte; Belle Kirk, teacher, Aquadale; Loy Gulleger, teacher, Weaver College; Ramele Smith, student, Randolph-Macon College; Rosa Hearne, Salem College; Emmie Brown, State Normal; Miss Sallie Marks, teacher, Oklahoma, is expected home Sunday.

## THE WORLD PROBLEMS ARE OUR PROBLEMS

The most momentous time in all human history in the last nineteen hundred years is that in which we are now living.

All the mighty problems of civilization and government in all ages and all other events since that of Calvary count for but little in comparison with the mighty movements of the day, encircling the world in their influence and power.

The destiny of democracy and of autocracy, the destiny of all nations under the sun, the destiny of civilization, is all being weighed in the balance, and no man on earth, yea, probably not even the angels in Heaven, can measure these mighty influences nor forecast their outcome. The Almighty alone can see the final ending of present events.

In this, the great crisis of all history of man-made power and man-made work in government and civilization, this country faces problems as vital as those which today are being fought out on the far-flung battle lines of Europe.

The people of this nation need, as they never needed before, to concentrate their thought upon all these problems as they relate to us, and to study these questions in the light of their effect upon our own country.

We need to quicken patriotism as we have never needed to do before.

We need to widen our horizon and get a broad vision of what this country is doing, and of what it must do, as it faces the stupendous problems of the hour.

The people of America would be false to themselves and to their families; false to business, false to their nation, false to the world and to civilization if they failed to study these problems with an earnest seeking after the truth and readiness to follow the truth wherever it may lead.—The Manufacturer's Record.

## SEES POSSIBILITIES IN ALBEMARLE

Power City Investment Company, Incorporated, Opens Office.

The Power City Investment Company, incorporated, a large real estate company, sees the possibilities in Albemarle and its surrounding territory and opens a beautiful office in the Hearne Building.

In a recent issue of this paper we mentioned that there had been several options on real estate taken in Stanly county by J. F. Peck, of New York City, and H. P. Hammond, of Tampa, Florida, for purposes unknown at that time but it all came to light this past week when the Power City people informed the editor of the Enterprise that it was the intention of their company to develop all the property that the above gentlemen had taken options on and to put the property on the market as soon as possible.

The Power City Development Company consists of F. P. Jackson, of Wilson, N. C., and Mr. Hammond and Mr. Peck, and is incorporated with an authorized capitalization of \$56,000. The above named gentlemen are now all located here in the city and the Enterprise wishes them the best success in their business in our community.

## WARNING TO LIVE-STOCK OWNERS.

By Dr. C. L. Bell, Veterinarian.

When acknowledging my responsibility as local veterinarian of Stanly county, I feel that it is my duty to warn the livestock owners of Albemarle and the county to beware of feeding mouldy corn, stover, and peavine hay to stock, especially to horses. The horse is more subject to poison from mouldy feed than any other animal. If you have damaged grain, you may feed it to your hog without any trouble, provided you don't feed the damaged grain exclusively.

There is very little danger in feeding damaged feed to cattle and sheep, but you can't depend on limited danger, because if the feed doesn't cause life destruction it may interfere with the quality of the cow's milk.

During the past month's practice I have found a number of cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis (forage poison) which came from feeding mouldy grain. The disease comes on very peculiarly; probably the first symptom that the owner will notice is that the animal becomes sluggish and not having the best action. If you observe this condition you should look after the animal at once, because that is the time for treatment. After you wait until cerebro-spinal meningitis develops, there are very few cases saved.