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VILLA REPORTED TO HAVE DIED SEVERAL DAYS AGO

Carranza Troops Said to Have Disinterred Bandit Chief—If Villa is Dead U. S. Troops May Be Withdrawn.

Francisco Villa is dead and his body, disinterred some days after his burial, is in possession of the Carranza troops, according to a series of telegraphic messages received in Juarez, Mexico, Sunday by Mexican officials. For more than a week reports that Villa had died from wounds have been current in Mexico and along the border. Sunday's accounts were the most circumstantial and apparently reliable yet received. They were accepted with reserve by the American officials.

The dispatcher of the Mexican Northwestern railroad at Juarez reported to General Gaviira, Carranza commander at Juarez, that he had heard conversation on the telegraph wire to the effect that Villa's body was in the hands of the Carranza troops. The Mexican consul at El Paso, Texas, was notified and he asked telegraph operators at Madera and Cusihuiriachic for information. They confirmed the report and said the body was being taken to Chihuahua.

The telegraph operator at San Antonio, 50 miles west of Chihuahua, telegraphed Consul Garcia that Villa's body was in possession of Colonel Carlos Carranza, nephew of General Carranza, who was taking it in a special train to Chihuahua.

A message received at Juarez Sunday, by a private individual, said Villa's death and burial were revealed by a former colonel of the bandit band, who had been captured and was under sentence of death. This colonel offered to show his captors Villa's grave in return for his life. He led the detachment of Carranza soldiers, under the command of Colonel Cavazos, to San Francisco Borja, a small town 30 miles south of Cusihuiriachic, with which it is connected by a vague and deserted trail. Near this lonely spot the Carranza soldiers are said to have exhumed the body of the bandit. One leg was said to have been swollen to an enormous size and to be in such a gangrenous condition that there was no doubt as to the cause of death.

While this news may be too good to be true, if it should prove to be correct American troops will be immediately withdrawn from Mexico. (Later: General Funston has not confirmed report and American troops are pressing forward after the living Villa.)

CLOSING PROGRAM OF THE ALBEMARLE GRADED SCHOOL

The graded school closing exercises will include April 21 to 25. The program in brief is: Music Recital, Friday evening, April 21, at 8 o'clock. Sermon to graduating class, Sunday evening, April 23, by Rev. Robert P. Walker, at Central Methodist church, at 8 o'clock. Declaration and Reception contest, Monday evening, April 24, at 8 o'clock. Class Day exercises, Tuesday morning, April 25, at 10 o'clock, by Graduating Class. Literary address, Tuesday evening, April 25, at 8 o'clock, by Dr. G. T. Rowe, of High Point; also graduating exercises. The public is cordially invited to attend all these exercises.

A Campaign for the Suppression of Unnecessary Noises

Washington, D. C., April.—The campaign begun a year ago by the Southern Railway Company for the suppression of unnecessary noises, likely to disturb passengers in sleeping cars placed at stations for occupancy during the early hours of the night, is to be extended and the "Keep Quiet" rule is to be enforced around all passenger trains, standing at stations or while running, day or night.

Signals to engineers by word of mouth, unnecessary whistling, ringing of bells, and escape of steam near sleeping cars, loud talking by crews in and about cars on platforms, slamming of vestibule trap doors, will be eliminated as far as possible. The superintendents of each division are giving personal attention to this problem in the hope of contributing further to the comfort of passengers on Southern Railway trains.

Robbers blew open the safe in the office of the Texas Oil Company, at Raleigh, between midnight and morning, Monday, and obtained approximately \$400. The police are working on the case but have not hit on any sort of a clue.

PRESIDENT WILSON HAS SUMMONED BOTH HOUSES

President Explains Situation Existing Between the United States and Germany.

Washington, April 18.—President Wilson will lay the submarine crisis before Congress tomorrow.

In the hall of the House of Representatives at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, with Congress seated before him in joint session, the President will speak the last words of the United States to Germany in the grave situation which has kept the two nations on the brink of a break for nearly a year.

Developments, yet undisclosed, and of the most solemn importance, are expected to follow quick.

An ultimatum to Germany and even the severance of diplomatic relations are the two most likely eventualities.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION

The Democratic County Convention of Stanly county will be held in the court house at Albemarle, on Saturday, April 22, 1916, at 2 o'clock, P. M. All Democrats in the county are earnestly requested to attend this Convention. They will be allowed to participate in all the proceedings of the Convention, and we earnestly beg that they come.

We are trying to arrange to have some prominent speaker to address the Democracy of the county at that time, and sound the keynote of the campaign.

The Democracy of the county, State and nation has just cause to be proud of its record, and appeals to the people for a continuation of power on that record.

Come and get inspiration, enthusiasm and encouragement for the coming campaign.

R. L. SMITH, Chm.

NEW LONDON HIGH SCHOOL

Commencement April 30, and May 1, 2, and 3.

The work is rounding up now. The most of the hard work has been finished. This year has been a good one. More has been accomplished than in any year in the past three.

The play, "The Old Oaken Bucket," was successful, the receipts being nearly \$40.00.

The work for commencement is progressing nicely.

Our commencement will begin with the annual sermon Sunday morning, April 30. Monday night the primary and intermediate departments will hold their exercises, and this is the most attractive part of the program. Tuesday night five young ladies will compete for a medal, and on the same night the declaimers will contest for the declaimers' medal.

Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock the literary address will be given. In the afternoon graduating exercises will be rendered. This is the first class to hold regular graduation exercises in the history of our school. There are nine members of the class. After these exercises will come the Mt. Pleasant-New London ball game. At night the play "Down in Dixie," will be given. This is a war play in which the subject is treated in a fair and unprejudiced manner. The hero is from the North, and the heroine from the South, and both are splendid types of true-hearted Americans. The action of the play is very rapid, the climaxes are powerful. All are very agreeably surprised at the final outcome. This play will come as the final of commencement and promises to be the best play ever given here.

If you fail to attend this play you have missed the very best part of the exercises. The play will be given on Wednesday night, May 3.

Mrs. C. E. Brinkerhoff, R. R. Ingram and Prof. O. D. Ritchie were with us recently for the purpose of judging in a preliminary contest for the declaimers' medal. The contest was very good. Each boy did well, and it was hard to decide just who would best represent us at commencement.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the entire community for their many kind deeds to us during the death of our father and husband. Every one was so nice and thoughtful of us during our great trial. God alone knows how much comfort it was to us. We hope that we may be able in some small way to show our appreciation in the future.

—Mrs. Lindsay Lowder and Family.

AUGUST HEINZE DIES AT AGE OF 105 YEARS

One of the Oldest Citizens of the County, Native of Germany, Passes Away at Home of His Son-in-Law, at Plyler.

August Heinz, aged 105 years, 6 months and 25 days, passed away at the home of his son-in-law, J. W. Fink, in the Plyler vicinity, Friday. He was one of the oldest citizens of the county and one of two native Germans of Stanly; the other being Matthew Lorch, of Bloomington.

Mr. Heinz was a remarkable character, possessed of a strong intellect, and having all the sterling qualities of the sturdy German farming class that comes to America from the Fatherland. He was just a young man, about 20 years of age, when he left Germany; thus most of his life, 85 years or more, was spent in this country. He came to this section early in the '30's. A passport, signed by one of the high officials of Germany, is yet in possession of his children. The passport gives Mr. Heinz's age at the time he left America, and in this way his age has been accurately accounted for.

Historical dates reveal that the Napoleonic war was raging in Europe at the time of his birth, and when he came over Prussia was becoming a great power in Germany in spite of insurrections here and there. Andrew Jackson was President of the United States when Mr. Heinz reached the American shore.

Mr. Heinz was married to a Miss Bernhardt, of Cabarrus county. To this union were born six children, three of whom survive, as follows: John Heinz and Mrs. Rose Annae Tucker, of Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Eva Fink, of Plyler. Besides the immediate family 35 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren survive the deceased.

Funeral services were held Saturday in the presence of a large number of people, at Macedonia church. Rev. J. A. L. Miller, assisted by Rev. W. D. Reid, conducted the services. Interment followed at the church burial ground.

EFIRD MFG. COMPANY WILL BUILD FIFTY NEW HOUSES

A contract has been awarded by Efird Manufacturing Company for the immediate erection of 50 new dwellings in West Albemarle. The work is to begin at once and will be pushed as rapidly as good business will permit. The new cotton factory of this company is nearing completion, and these new homes are for additional help which the new mill will demand. John S. Efird, secretary and treasurer of the company, states that within a short time all of the mills of the Efird Manufacturing Company will be running day and night, some of them already being run at night.

PROVIDE 1,000,000 MEN AMID EXCITING SCENES

Washington, April 18.—An army re-organization bill that would produce regular army and reserve military forces in the United States aggregating 1,000,000 men was passed by the Senate late tonight without a record vote.

On the eve of a joint session of the Houses of Congress to hear a message from the President on grave international issues, the Senate hastened completion of the bill amid scenes of excitement, repeatedly rejecting all amendments pending, to reduce the proposed strengthening of the army.

Activity of Federal Office Holders.

"As the campaign warms up, Federal office holders should remember how ugly it used to look for their predecessors, in Republican ranks, to participate in local politics. Such a practice sometimes just as repulsive and as insulting to the intelligence of a community. When a politician lands a Federal berth he should stay out of the day coach and should let communities govern their own affairs. Every employe of the Federal government should be promptly reported to Washington when observed to be taking part in local campaigns. The officials at Washington should know it and the civil service rules along with it. The same rule should apply to every Federal office holder. It is an insult to the sovereignty of a state or a community to have Federal interference; that is, interference by men who hold government jobs."—Raleigh Times, April 7, 1916.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out malaria, enriches the blood and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50¢

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF EXTENSION WORKERS

Though it has not been possible to keep records of all the activities of the extension service workers, still those that have been kept show very accurately how the service is in touch with the farmers of the state. The work has not only been confined to actual demonstrations on the farm, but it has reached the farm home carrying a knowledge of better living, better farming, and a higher social life both to the farm women, farm men, and farm boys and girls. Numbers of public meetings have been held where the people have become interested in the practical scientific information given as well as in the actual demonstrations held. Bulletins and periodicals have been sent out to requests from over the entire state and both business men and corporations have enlisted their aid towards making farming a more pleasant and a more remunerative profession.

As an evidence of how the people of North Carolina have been reached during the past year, records show that the workers engaged in the farm demonstration division have paid 85,894 visits to farmers and club members, have addressed at public meetings 259,605 people and traveled 387,148 miles rendering to the people 792,790 different services; the home demonstration division organized during the year 37 counties of the state into the canning clubs and demonstration clubs with a total enrollment 2,914, and 1,509 women; the workers in the division of boys' agricultural clubs have traveled 51,686 miles over the state, addressed 377 meetings with a total attendance of 59,697 people and have mailed out 258,544 bulletins, circulars and letters of information to the 5,322 enrolled in the club work; the animal industry workers have reached 35,039 people in 513 dairy schools and other meetings of like nature; the extension workers of the Division of Horticulture and Entomology have held 30 public meetings with a combined attendance of 500 people and have pruned and sprayed 100 fruit trees before these people; the drainage office has made 48 examinations for tile drainage resulting in 85,082 feet of tile being laid, 17 examinations for terrace systems resulting in 129,000 feet of terraces being built and 34 examinations of swamp and overflowed lands covering an area of 458,400 acres of land; to eradicate hog cholera in the State 17,619 miles have been traveled over 33 counties, 179 addresses were made to 13,265 people, and 178 demonstrations were held where 2,198 hogs were treated before an audience of 4,699 swine growers.

These figures do not show the results obtained but they do show that the workers are so organized that every activity and phase of farming is actually demonstrated not only by personal contact but by correspondence, bulletins, and timely publications and it is apparent that noted results are being obtained. And it is equally true that the 885,792 people that have been reached, as is shown in the above statement, have influenced others to follow the better methods that have been inaugurated on their own farms and in their own homes.

"Insular." The word was invented to describe Manhattan. That island forms one of the five boroughs that make up New York City, but newspapers of Manhattan cannot see beyond the waters that isolated the little old self-satisfied borough. Calling themselves "New York newspapers," except on very rare occasions, they discover only what happens in Manhattan or at a distance. The other boroughs and the great suburban area are for the most part unknown lands to them.

It is strange how oblivious the public seems to be of the fact that all prices of all necessities of life are from 15 to 25 per cent higher than a year ago. Is it that the newspapers are so busy telling about record figures in exports that the poor consumer, with no records to test present day prices, just wonders vaguely why it is harder to make both ends meet? But the pinch of high prices is making itself felt in a way that must soon command attention. It has resulted already in a lessening of consumption, for the simple reason that the average wage doesn't go as far as it did a year ago. This in turn is forcing many retailers to the wall, for lessening trade, even at higher prices, reduces the distance between profits and bankruptcy. Yes, the war is exacting its toll even in peaceful America.—Wm. Wirt Mills, West New Brighton, N. Y.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Sags in roof-gutters may act as mosquito breeding places?
America's most valuable crop is babies?
The public cigar-cutter is a health menace?
The United States Public Health Service maintains a loan library of stereopticon slides?
The typhoid rate measures accurately community intelligence?
Whooping cough annually kills over ten thousand Americans?
Bad housing produces bad health, Rocky Mountain spotted fever is spread by a wood-tick?

CORNER STONE LAYING.

The corner stone of the Norwood Baptist church will be laid on Saturday, April 29, at 1 P. M. A nice program is being arranged for the occasion. Pastors E. M. Brooks, of Palmerville, and Robert P. Walker, of Albemarle, and others will make addresses. The public is invited to be present.

JAS. C. GILLESPIE, Pastor.

—For floor coverings, linoleum, duanoleum; we can fit your kitchen.—Parker-Little Furniture Co.

WILLIAM WIRT MILLS' LETTER FROM NEW YORK

New York, April 15, 1916.

An old saying makes it a counsel of wisdom to have two strings to your bow. But who ever heard of an Indian using both strings at once? That's what some of the Progressives tried to do. They bent their bow with the Roosevelt string and then stretched on the Hughes string. They vacillated between the one and the other just as these same men did in Chicago in 1912. And now that the demand for the nomination of Colonel Roosevelt has spread through the Republican party and among thousands of Democrats, the Hughes candidacy, originated as a Progressive alternative, looms up as a refuge and a weapon for the boomer who are trying to use the Justice to beat T. R. If any combination of circumstances can prevent the Republican convention from acceding to the will of the rank and file and nominating Roosevelt, it will be the wholly artificial and fictitious Hughes boom, started by an element in the Progressive party and taken over by Republican bosses to serve their dire necessities.

Meanwhile the canny Scot smiles softly in his whiskers and refuses to be "smoked out" even by so eminent a party spokesman as Joseph H. Choate. Like Br'er Rabbit he just lies low and says nothing while that element of Republicanism that formerly fought him is contriving to use him to pull their chestnuts out of the fire. Was there ever a more extraordinary tangle in the web of pre-convention maneuvering, with more diverse possibilities?

Meanwhile Governor Whitman has come triumphantly through the fire of personal opposition within his own party and has demonstrated his control of the Republican organization in New York State. What he will do with it is another matter. There are more than two perfectly good guesses.

One day this week a British officer, on shore leave in this American port, remarked that there were 78 British transports at anchor in this harbor or tied up at piers, taking on huge quantities of supplies, from medicines to motor boats, from canned vegetables to cannon. These vessels were not merchantmen, but ships controlled and operated by the British Admiralty, armed with 6-inch guns, all carefully masked, but ready for instant action.

The crews of these transports, in this harbor at one time, numbered more than 10,000 men, he said, all enlisted in the Royal service of His Majesty King George and wearing the uniform of the Royal Navy, but donning those garments as soon as they came within the three-mile limit and passing as members of the merchant marine while in this port.

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SAFE MEDICINE FOR CHILDREN

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SPRING.

Spring is looked upon by many as the most delightful season of the year but this cannot be said of the rheumatic. The cold and damp weather brings on rheumatic pains which are anything but pleasant. They can be relieved, however, by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Obtainable everywhere. ADV

DEMOCRATIC FORCES WILL MEET HERE SATURDAY

Primaries Held Last Saturday—County Convention Next Saturday—Good Speaking Will Make Occasion Interesting and Helpful.

On last Saturday the Democrats of the county were given an opportunity to express their preferences for the county officials in the primaries. The day was an ideal one for farm work and for this reason the primaries were not as well attended as they should have been.

Judging by the balloting in North and South Albemarle townships the present county officials lead the ticket. Besides the present county commissioners, T. S. Parker, Geo. W. Dry, and A. F. Mabry, we learn that J. E. Crook and J. M. Reap, of Tyson township, received votes.

For Representative, Judge O. J. Sikes and Levi Lipe, former farm demonstrator, received votes.

The convention next Saturday is expected to draw a large and enthusiastic crowd to Albemarle. A good speaker from out of town will likely be secured and a lively convention to inaugurate the coming campaign is expected. No member of the Democratic party can afford to be absent.

GRAHAM WINS THE CUP.

The Successful Contestants at Chapel Hill—Honored at Home.

Statesville Landmark.
The fourth annual contest of the High School Debating Union, characterized by President Graham of the University as the biggest contest ever staged in North Carolina, came to an end Friday night, at Chapel Hill, when the Graham High School, representing the affirmative, defeated Wilson on the negative of the query: "Resolved, That the United States should adopt the policy of greatly enlarging its Navy."

The speakers for Graham were Miss Myrtle Cooper and Boyd Harden; for Wilson, Wade Gardner and David heat. Thus the Aycock cup goes to Graham this year.

After sitting in judgment for over six hours the judges in the first preliminary rendered verdict as follows: Twenty-four schools eligible to enter the second preliminary which took place Friday morning. Five schools had the honor of winning out both affirmatively and negatively—these being Raleigh, Wilson, Statesville, Gastonia and Rocky Mount. The other teams, representing the affirmative, which spoke again Friday morning, were Mooresville, Graham, East Durham, Faison, Pinnacle, Laurinburg and Startown. The schools winning out in the negative, excluding the towns mentioned above, were: Pleasant Garden, Cary, Wendell, Lovell, Clarkton, Glade Valley and Stem.

When the Graham debaters reached home they were met at the station by a procession of automobiles, headed by a band, and Myrtle Cooper and Boyd Harden were put in a gaily decorated machine and escorted to the court house, where congratulatory talks were made. Mr. Lynn Williamson, on behalf of L. Banks Holt, owner of the Oneida mills, in whose employ several members of Miss Cooper's family have been for the past 23 years, presented Miss Cooper a beautiful gold wrist watch. He stated that Mr. Holt was proud of having such people connected with his mills and wished to show his appreciation of the honor that had been brought to the town. Boyd Harden was given a gold watch on behalf of the citizens.

A correspondent of the Greensboro News says Miss Cooper is one of a family of children who have made a remarkable record as debaters. Three years ago Miss Julia Cooper was on Graham's affirmative team which ranked next to the winning affirmative team in the final contest. Two years ago Miss Florie Cooper, another sister, was on Graham's affirmative team which contested with Winston-Salem for the cup. Miss Myrtle Cooper, only 14 years old at that time, was a member of Graham's negative which ranked next to Winston-Salem.

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