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## MEXICAN PROGRESS SMOOTH.

No Formal Basis Has Been Reached in Any Specified Order in the Mediation.

### General Discussion.

Niagara Falls, May 24.—Smooth progress toward an agreement on all phases of the Mexican problem is being made by the mediators and the American and Mexican delegates. This was stated with emphasis by the mediators tonight after a day of conferences, principally with the Mexican delegates.

The three South American diplomats made it plain that, while every aspect of the Mexican situation, both internal and international, had been laid before the delegates, no formal basis had been reached for the treatment of any specified order of the issue involved, nor has the relative importance of the main issue been defined.

The discussion thus far has been general. The mediators have taken the position that they are essentially counsellors. They will not suggest names for the provisional presidency nor will they recommend any form of government.

From the Mexican delegates themselves must originate proposals concerning the internal affairs of their country and these suggestions will be transmitted by the mediators to the American delegates.

The theory under which the internal questions are being brought into the discussion is that the United States has a right to say whom it will recognize as provisional president of Mexico, and, therefore, can indicate in advance who will be acceptable.

On the agrarian problem, too, suggestions must originate from the Mexican delegates. Thus far the question has been whether Mexico's land problem could be properly discussed in an international forum. The Mexican delegates regard it as a purely internal question.

The American delegates on the other hand, have maintained that, as the land question has bred revolution after revolution some program should be considered with a view to influencing a gradual settlement of the question. The purpose of the American delegates, it is said is to place the problem so conspicuously before the world as an obligation of the future provisional government that on new administration could ignore it.

Other aspects of the Mexican question, however, have not been ignored. The relative importance which should be attached in the parleys to the Tampico incident, the personnel of the new provisional government and kindred questions incident to the transition to another administration have been talked over in detail. No points have been decided, but enough of the viewpoint of the American and Mexican delegates has been revealed to the mediators to warrant them in expressing distinct encouragement over the outlook.

The mediators and American delegates alike pay warm tribute to the Mexican delegates. The latter have approached the work of composing the broad etalon shrdlumfvyvbgkq difficulties besetting their country from a broad patriotic standpoint.

The conferees have pledged themselves to keep their passing secret. One reason for this is the desire of the Mexican delegates that various phases of the discussion, particularly those relating to the retirement of Huerta, should not be misinterpreted in Mexico City and thus weaken the administration there in handling the military situation.

The Mexican delegates are observing with keen interest the military campaigns of the constitutionalists, but they do not think it possibly can result in the capture of Mexico City for months. They deny the capture of Saltillo. In the meantime it is their hope that a new provisional government will be set up in the Mexican capital which the United States would promptly recognize. This, they expect, would be followed by recognition from the powers generally.

With a government established in Mexico the Mexican delegates believe the constitutionalists would be compelled to accept it. If they re-

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From a Merchant.

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The Poor Old Merchant:  
In a certain North Carolina Farm Publication has appeared from time to time articles regarding certain transactions and exchanges of goods between the merchant and the farmer in general outline they are about as follows: A certain farmer carried a load of potatoes to market and sold them to a certain merchant who paid him in second hand goods at the rate of forty cents per bushel and then this same merchant sells these same potatoes to his customers at twenty-five cents per peck, cash. A very heavy and quite an unreasonable profit to be sure, and if that were the case with nearly all merchants, the writer of the articles seems to infer we should say that merchandising had reached a very low level. Now we know that there are instances in which the farmer has been mistreated and overcharged also underpaid, but as applying to general merchantdom the articles written are untrue and we are inclined to believe that the writer of such either underrates his fellow man or is planting prejudice in the minds of his readers as to which he will not attempt to say, we trust however that these writers may become better acquainted with the merchant.

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### County Democrats Name Delegates.

The Democrats of Alamance County met Saturday at Graham and named delegates to the Senatorial, Judicial and Congressional State Conventions. The meeting was called to order by County Chairman, John H. Vernon, who called E. S. Parker, Jr., to the chair. The convention instructed for Lee S. Overman for Senator; Major C. M. Stedman, for Congress; Judge Debbins, for Judge; S. M. Gattis, Solicitor and E. L. Travis Corporation Commissioner.

Peace and harmony ruled and everybody appeared to be satisfied with the old line office holders.

### Rural Carriers Notice.

The Rural Letter Carriers of Alamance county are called to meet in the Armory Hall at Burlington, Saturday May 30, at 2 o'clock p. m. Important meeting all regular and sub carriers are requested to be present.

J. A. LOWE, Secretary.

### Patterson-Patterson.

Mr. Eugene Patterson, who for the past four years has been in the west, returned to Burlington about two weeks ago and Friday night was married the second time to Mrs. Ada M. Patterson, who received a divorce from Mr. Patterson not many months ago. It appears to be a case of old love renewed and the bride and groom both appear to be perfectly happy.

Mr. Patterson is a native of this county and town and has many friends who wish him happiness. He is a natural born horseman and finds complete happiness when guiding the rein of some speedy animal.

Mrs. Patterson has been a saleslady for the past three years having recently been connected with Buchanan's 5-10 & 25¢ Store. She is of a very sweet disposition and liked by every one with whom she comes in contact.

Esq. R. J. Hall performed the ceremony at his home.

### Three Hurt in Automobile Wreck.

Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock while going on a pleasure ride in an automobile, Lester Marlette, Ed Marlette, the son of Ed. Marlette, and Tilden Lutterloh, had a serious automobile wreck just this side of Elon College at a small negro house on the right side of the road, going to Elon. An old buggy had been left on the right side of the road and when seen by the driver of the car, Mr. Marlette, appeared to be in the middle of the road, causing the chauffeur to cut the car all of a sudden to the left which plunged it into the bank on the side of the road. The car plowed into the embankment, was turned over twice and Tilden Lutterloh received a broken jaw and several teeth knocked out, and was so severely injured that it was necessary to take him to St. Leo's Hospital at Greensboro for treatment. Tom Lutterloh received a broken arm, while son of Edgar Marlette was painfully injured. The other two occupants were not hurt.

A man occasionally interferes with the affairs of a woman without getting the worst of it—in a novel.

## ELON'S COMMENCEMENT.

The Twenty-Fourth Commencement of Elon College Begins Next Saturday.

### Will Close Wednesday.

Elon's 24th Commencement. Elon's 24th commencement begins on Saturday evening of this week at 8:00 o'clock, with the class day exercises by the senior class. Miss Sallie Foster, of Burlington, N. C., is a member of the graduating class and will have part in this entertainment. Next Saturday morning the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Dr. F. T. Tagg, Baltimore, Md., Jr. Tagg is one of the most distinguished ministers in the Methodist Protestant Church, and the editor of the national organ of that church, published in Baltimore, and known as the Methodist Protestant. The sermon will not begin until after the eleven o'clock train has passed Elon, so that Burlington and Graham people can arrive on that train in ample time. Sunday evening President Harper, of the college, will make his usual baccalaureate address to the members of the graduating class, using as his theme The Contribution of College Life.

Monday the society representatives will give their entertainment. Tuesday evening the annual concert of the Musical Department will occur.

Wednesday evening, June 3rd, Rev. H. E. Rountree, of Greensboro, will deliver the Alumni Oration. All these services will begin at 8 o'clock in the evening.

On Tuesday morning at 10:30 immediately after the arrival of the 10:00 o'clock train, the literary address is to be delivered by a distinguished native of Alamance county, Dr. W. W. Staley, Suffolk, Va. Dr. Staley worked his way through the Graham Normal College, through Trinity and through the University of Virginia, and continued to work his way up until he is today one of the most distinguished ministers of the Southern States. The citizens of his native county will be glad to hear him on this occasion, and especially since he is to discuss such a momentous question as The Conquest of Truth.

The graduating exercises will occur on Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock, at which time diplomas and degrees to the number of 44 will be conferred, and six representatives of the graduating class will deliver orations and present essays.

### Dedication of Memorial Window.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sharpe have just received from the studios of the Von Gerichten Art Glass Co., of Columbus, O., a magnificent three-panel window representing Easter morning. This window is to be placed in Friendship Church as a memorial to their daughter, Mrs. Pharnelia E. Keck, who died in 1903. The formal dedication of the window will take place at Friendship church at 11 a. m., on Sunday, June 7th. The address will be made by Mr. C. Brown Cox, of Burlington. All relatives and friends of the family, and the public generally, are invited to be present.

### Sprinkle the Streets.

No town in the state needs sprinkling worse than Burlington. It is a pressing cry of the business blocks as well as the suburbs. The heat and the dust are almost unbearable. The sprinkling of the streets will put down the one and make everything fresh and cool. The water supply of the town appears to be in good shape. If we can only get part of it sprinkled on streets.

### Ladies' Aid Society Render Interesting Program.

The Ladies' Aid and Foreign Missionary Society, of the Reformed Church, rendered a very interesting program Sunday night at 8 o'clock at the church. Mrs. T. F. Coble, president of the society, acted as chairman, and Miss Grace Hoffman, secretary. Special music was rendered. Interesting papers were read by Misses Mamie Fowler and Carrie Elornaday. A synopsis of the work for the past year was read by the secretary. An able address complimenting the work was made by Rev. D. C. Cox.

## Explosion of Boiler Injured Two People.

Greensboro, May 26.—Lack of water in the 80-gallon galvanized boiler in the basement of his home on Schenck street caused an explosion yesterday afternoon shortly before 4 o'clock which practically blew off the rear end of the Yow home and probably fatally scalded Mr. Yow and Susan Watkins, a negro, who were working in the laundry room at the time.

Mr. Yow had been operating a laundry for a little more than a year, joining business in his neighborhood, and had comfortably fixed himself for this business by putting in a concrete floor in his basement and making other improvements.

When the boiler exploded the concrete floor and walls forced the steam and boiler to take an upward course. The boiler crashed through the two floors and came out the roof of the home going about 200 yards in the air and landing 50 yards away. The stove in the kitchen directly over the basement was struck by the boiler and landed about 20 yards away from the house.

The shock was so great that people three and four blocks away were shaken and the city board of commissioners who were holding their daily session felt the jar and rushed to the scene. One man who was one block away stated that the jar almost knocked his feet from under him.

Elbert, the 15-year-old son of Mr. Yow, who was working near the house, knew that his father was in the laundry at the time. He rushed to the house and discovered his father buried under sticks and pieces of the home which were shattered by the explosion, and immediately began working to pull him from under the wreckage.

When the sticks and other things which pinned him down were removed Mr. Yow got up and said "I'm all right; go help Susan," and then walked around to the front of the house where he laid down in the shade of a tree.

The boy—Elbert—finally succeeded in clearing away the timber and pulling the negro woman out. She was in a semi-conscious condition and was laid on the ground in the shade of a tree to await the ambulance. By this time physicians and a large crowd had gathered and the injured were attended.

Mr. Yow and the Watkins woman were carried to the hospital. Mr. Yow sat up in the ambulance and talked while going to the hospital, though the negro was unable to talk and was carried on a stretcher. Reports from the hospital last night were that both were resting as well as could be expected.

The only injuries received by either of the injured were severe scalds, with the negro woman being the worst hurt. Mr. Yow was severely scalded about the head and shoulders while the negro was scalded all over her body.

Mrs. Yow was sitting on the back porch sewing and two of the children, Leon and Fletcher, five and seven years, respectively, were lying on a bed in one of the front rooms, though neither of the three were injured. Mr. Yow was near a stairway which led to the basement and she heard the steam escaping and ran out in the back yard and screamed, "Lookout!"

The home is a two-story building and the boiler exploded with such a force as to blow off practically the entire rear end of the house, though the opposite side from the basement room was not shattered as the other side. Pieces of timber were strewn for several feet about the residence, while a small building, also used by Mr. Yow in the laundry business, was slightly damaged.

Clothes which were carried into the basement room just a few minutes prior to the explosion caught on fire, though the new fire truck which had been called soon extinguished the blaze and there was no damage done with the exception of the burning of several garments.

When the explosion was heard people in the neighborhood could be of little assistance.

Contractors who had gathered at the home examined the building and advised Mrs. Yow and the children to find another place to stay, stating that the remainder of the building was liable to fall over at any time. Many of the neighbors offered to give the family lodging and places were soon found.

Mr. Yow had just entered the room when the explosion occurred, while Alfred, the 13-year-old son of Mr. Yow, had just left the room.

## ROOSEVELT VISITS WILSON.

President Woodrow Wilson Extends Invitation to Colonel Roosevelt to Take Lunch.

### Progressives In Conference.

Washington, May 25.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt will return to Washington on one of the few visits he has made since he left the White House. He will spend nine hours in the capital and the plans made for him give promise that he will put in a full day's work before he leaves at midnight for Oyster Bay.

The primary object of the colonel's trip is to deliver a lecture before the National Geographic Society on his South American explorations, but politicians are more interested in the conference he will hold just before he leaves with the Progressives leaders in Congress.

This conference may develop a plan of action by the Progressive party in the coming congressional campaign. If it results in nothing more, the party leaders expect Colonel Roosevelt to show the way in which the Wilson administration can be most advantageously attacked by campaign orators and in pre-election literature.

Colonel Roosevelt is due in Washington from Philadelphia at 3:20 p. m., and expects to go directly to the National museum to look over specimens he procured for that institution on his African hunting trip several years ago. Many of these specimens have been mounted since he paid his last visit to Washington.

From the museum the colonel will go to the White House, where he will be received by President Wilson. He was invited to take luncheon there, but was unable to leave Oyster Bay in time to keep a luncheon engagement. Next he will go to the home of Senator Lodge, one of his intimate friends who is giving a reception in honor of members of the diplomatic corps.

### MANY WANT TO HEAR T. R.

The colonel will take dinner at a downtown hotel with officials of the Geographic Society. He has no engagements until his lecture, which will begin at 8 o'clock. The lecture probably will last nearly two hours and immediately on its conclusion Colonel Roosevelt will be driven to the Progressive party's headquarters, where the conference with other party leaders in Congress will be held.

Every member of the party in the House who is in town is expected to attend, but Senator Clay will be the only representative from that branch of Congress. Senator Poindexter, the other Progressive, is a member of the committee which left today to attend the funeral of Senator Bradley. He said today he would see Colonel Roosevelt later at Oyster Bay.

No definite plans have been made for the conference at party headquarters. The colonel will be told, however, just what success the party has had in attempting to put through its legislative program at the present session and each man will outline the steps he thinks are necessary in his own district and elsewhere to gain in victory in November. He will be advised also of what his supporters in Congress believe are the weak spots in the administration and will be asked to devise methods of attack.

That Washington outside of political leaders is greatly interested in the colonel's visit because apparent today when the general public had its opportunity to obtain seats for the lecture. There was a line two blocks long leading up to the home of the Geographic Society. The demand of official circles for seats has been brisk.

### COLONEL'S VISIT SIGNIFICANT.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 25.—Colonel Roosevelt's trip to Washington took on new significance when it became known today that the former President would hold an important conference with prominent Progressives there.

This conference will determine in a large measure plans to be followed in starting the ball rolling for the fall campaign.

Colonel Roosevelt has been urged by many of his supporters since his return from South America to lose no time in taking issue with President

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## SOCIAL NEWS.

Those Who Have Been Entertained Here The Past Week by Their Friends.

### Marriage Announcement.

Friday evening from 8:30 to 11, Miss Cecil Holt entertained in honor of her house guests, Misses Helena and Inez Odell, of Norfolk. The home was beautifully decorated in daisies and ferns, the color scheme being white and yellow. The large porch, hall and parlor were used. At the door the guests were received by Miss Florine Robertson and introduced to the honorees. Music was furnished by different young ladies and O. D. Poythress, of Elon College, sang several solos. The game of the evening was progressive hearts. This was played at seven tables. Refreshments consisting of yellow and white cream and cake, white mints and crystallized ginger were served by Misses Bessie and Margaret Holt, Blanche Thomas and Willard Smith. The guests numbered 30.

Miss Holt wore pink crepe de chine, draped with chiffon and trimmed with roses. Miss Inez Odell wore apricot crepe meteor, draped with baby Irish. Miss Helena Odell was gowned in green charmeuse with lace jacket.

Mrs. A. D. Pate was hostess Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6, to the Round Dozen Club, at her home on Fisher street. The time was spent by the ladies in embroidering and chatting. Elegant refreshments were served.

Invitations have been received here by friends and relatives to the marriage of William DeRoy McLean and Miss Marie Brock, at the home to the bride-elect in LaFayette, Ala., to take place June 3. The groom-elect is a native of this State, a graduate of the State University, now engaged in the real estate business at Anderson, S. C. His parents live at Whitsett.

Mrs. Chester A. Smith and Miss Bettie Vann Ward charmingly entertained the Embroidery Club at the Ward Hotel, Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. The time was spent with needles, although the interest chiefly centered on the bride-elect present, Miss Lasley. Refreshments consisting of salads, ices and mints were served.

Miss Willard Smith, a pupil of Mrs. J. L. Scott, will give her graduating music recital in the graded school auditorium next Thursday, May 28, at 8:30 p. m. She will be assisted by Misses Clements and Barnes, of Elon College, teachers in voice.

### Musical Program Rendered.

The graded school auditorium was the scene of a beautiful and interesting musical program rendered Friday night by the pupils of Mrs. Boyd. The class consisting of thirty pupils who have been receiving instructions from Mrs. Boyd during the past year at her home, had been given special practice for this musical event as was evidenced by the excellent program rendered. The program was divided into two sections, the primary and junior. The primary section consisted of a number of Children, many of the number being less than twelve years of age. To see how fast the child who has a talent for music will learn was very plainly demonstrated as each child rendered their part of the primary program without discord. Many of the selections rendered by the juniors were very difficult, showing that much practice had been spent in preparing for this May festival event.

### Death of Mr. A. Flack Apple.

Sunday night about 8 o'clock Mr. A. Flack Apple, who lived in West Burlington, died at his home at the age of seventy. He and an aged sister made their home together. Besides this sister he is survived by a son, Mr. A. A. Apple, one of the town's best business men.

The funeral services of Mr. Apple were conducted at Elmira Chapel Monday evening at four o'clock, by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of the Front Street Methodist Church.

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