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## WOULD ACT AS INTERMEDIARIES

### South American Countries Propose Peace Terms Between Mexico and United States.

Washington, April 25.—Pan-American diplomacy tonight made its first attempt to solve the Mexican crisis by peaceful negotiation.

The United States government from Argentine, Brazil and Chile a formal offer to act as intermediaries in the present situation, but pointed out that an act of aggression by the military forces or hostile demonstration toward Americans might upset hopes of immediate peace.

Coincidentally with the acceptance of the mediation offer, administration officials announced there would be no cessation of preparations by the army and navy for future emergencies and no orders would be issued to the naval forces at Vera Cruz nor the ships at sea, changing original plans. No further steps, however, to secure reparation for the indignities which gave rise to the present situation will be attempted while the effort is being made to bring about a settlement through diplomacy.

Washington, April 26.—Spanish Ambassador Riano announced late tonight that he had received private advice from Mexico City stating that General Huerta had accepted the offer of Argentina, Brazil and Chile to use their good offices to bring about an amicable settlement of the difficulty between the United States and Mexico.

This information though unofficial was accepted as authentic by the Ambassador, who expects to be prepared to place General Huerta's formal acceptance before the representatives of the three South American countries tomorrow.

The interests of the Huerta Government in the United States were taken over by the Spanish Embassy when Charge Alcala left Washington. Ambassador Riano received the offer of good offices from the three peace envoys last night. It was cabled immediately to Mexico City.

When the formal acceptance from Mexico City is in hand the South American diplomats will be ready to proceed with their plan, no intimation of the nature of which as yet has been given. It generally has been understood here, however, that the peace envoys expect to deal directly with the situation created by the Tampico incident and other offenses against the honor and dignity of the United States.

Administration officials appeared to be much gratified at the prospect of having proposals of the great South American Republics listened to by General Huerta.

Vera Cruz, April 26.—Vera Cruz tonight is under martial law. Rear Admiral Frank F. Fletcher, commanding the American naval forces on shore, today issued a proclamation to this effect and the last opportunity Mexicans had for handling their own affairs in Vera Cruz under their own laws disappeared.

Admiral Fletcher and his staff determined there should be no more quibbling with the Mexican officials regarding form of government and until further notice residents of this port will live and be judged by military law. The word has gone forth that disorder and unruliness in any form shall receive swift and severe punishment. This proclamation makes Rear Admiral Fletcher absolute ruler ashore.

## Important to all Women

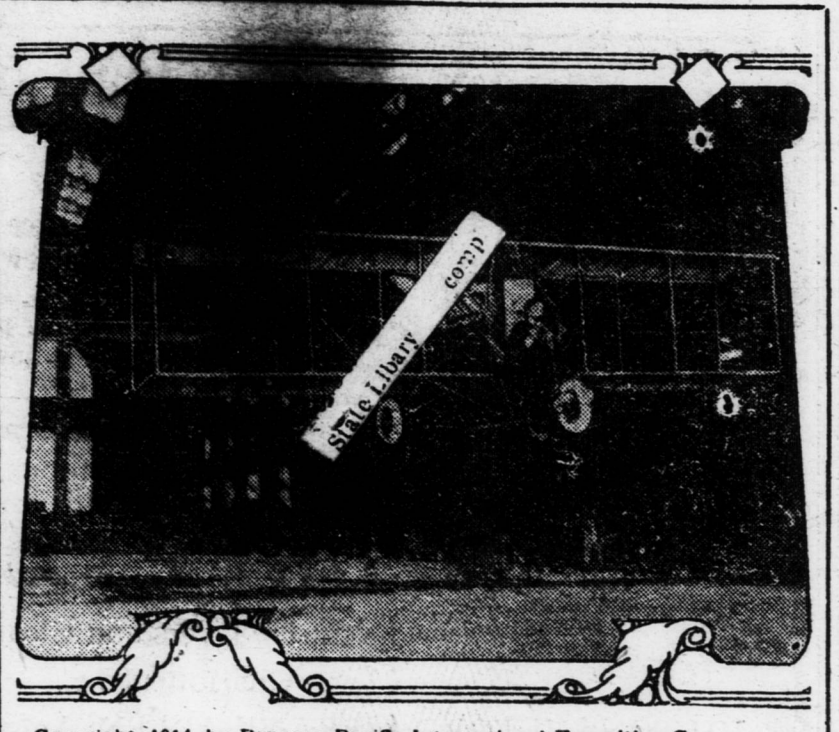
### Readers of This Paper.

Thousands upon thousands of women have kidney or bladder trouble and never suspect it.

Women's complaints often prove to be nothing else but kidney or bladder disease. If the kidneys are not in a healthy condition, they may cause the other organs to become diseased.

You may suffer a great deal with pain in the back, bearing-down feelings, headache and loss of ambition. Poor health makes you nervous, irritable and may be dependent; it makes any one so.

But hundreds of women claim that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, by restoring health to the kidneys, proved to be just the remedy needed to overcome such conditions.



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**THE WORLD'S FIRST INDOOR AEROPLANE FLIGHT, PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, 1915.**

The world's first indoor aeroplane flight was made by Lincoln Beachey, the American aviator, on the grounds of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco. Starting at one end of the Palace of Machinery, which is the largest wooden frame structure in the world, being almost 1,000 feet in length, Beachey attained a terrific momentum and rose into the air to a height of fifty feet, actually flying for a distance of 300 feet. At the opposite end of the building barriers of cloth were held by assistants to lessen the impact of the aeroplane. The machine, however, provided with a hundred horsepower engine, easily tore through the cloth, and the aviator received a severe shaking up. The difficulties of the flight were increased by the fact that the interior arrangement of the building consists of three longitudinal aisles each seventy-five feet in width, and Beachey flew down the center aisle, having to keep a straight course in order to prevent the aeroplane from striking the great columns of the aisle.

## JOHN ELLIOTT WINS MEDAL

John L. Elliott, representing the Marion Graded Schools, won the medal for the best declamation in the inter-high school declamation contest at Lenoir College Friday night. Mr. Elliott's subject was "The Raven."

The Hickory High School was represented by Bonner Knox, son of our townsman, Mr. R. M. Knox. His subject was "The Traitor's Deathbed," an oration on the passing of Benedict Arnold.

Eight young men were on the program and each declamation was worthy of a medal but, unfortunately, only one was to be given. Owing to an unfortunate conflict of dates with the closing exercises of the City Graded School the audience was not quite as large as it should have been.

The following is a full list of the speakers and their subjects together with the school they represented:

- "The Raven."—John L. Elliott, Marion Graded School.
- "The Traitor's Deathbed."—William Bonner Knox, Hickory High School.
- "Lions in the Way."—Wiseman Kendall, Shelby High School.
- "Lessons From the Past."—Biford W. Blackwelder, Concord High School.
- "A Eulogy on Vance."—Ernest R. Warren, Gastonia High School.
- "The New South."—Jay Sudreth, Lenoir Graded School.
- "The Mothers of Men."—Forest C. Feezor, Churchland High School of Davidson County.
- "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death."—Walter C. Feimster, Jr., Newton Graded School.

Next year the contest will be held the first Friday in March and in addition a recitation contest for girls, field day events, track meet, etc., will be held. The extent to which liquor is being shipped into North Carolina is a shame and calls loudly for the passage by the next Legislature of an act cutting it out entirely. The Lexington Dispatch gives the following startling figures: "Two hundred and thirty gallons of liquor unloaded at Whitney, Stanly county—where the immense construction work of the Southern Aluminum Company is in progress—in 24 hours is the record made by one train into that place, according to statements made by the conductor." Conti'ng he stated that this is no unusual occurrence, that it is an ordinary thing for a shipment of from 50 to 100 gallons to be unloaded from a single train. The whiskey is bearing fruit in the frequent shooting affrays and homicides.—Webster Weekly.

A healthy man is a king in his own right; an unhealthy man an unhappy slave. For impure blood and sluggish liver, use Burdock Blood Bitters. On the market 35 years. \$1.00 a bottle. [adv't.]

## WEST HICKORY HAS TWO TICKETS

West Hickory, April 27.—At the town primary held in West Hickory Saturday evening, April 18, G. T. Barger was nominated for mayor, W. A. Hoover, A. J. Drum and T. J. Leonard for aldermen, and J. W. Moore, S. G. Parker and J. R. Pierce for school trustees. On Tuesday night, April 21, a second primary was held and H. H. Abee was nominated for mayor, P. Buff, H. T. Fry and Doc. Yount for aldermen, and Dr. J. J. Hicks, J. W. Moore and L. F. Miller for school trustees. We now have two full tickets in the field to be voted on and it seems there is going to be more interest taken in the town election than there has been for several years.

The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baird died here Friday of pneumonia. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all their friends in this their sad bereavement.

Cliff Bright and family moved here from Brookford one day last week.

J. W. Phillips, a candidate for Sheriff, was in town one day last week shaking hands with his friends.

Misses Bertha and Lottie Richards, of Lenoir, were here several days last week on a visit to their cousin, Miss Julia Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Wallace, of Rutherfordton, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Melton.

E. W. Humphries is very sick at present.

Nona Abernethy, of Oakgrove, La., spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Abernethy last week.

B. D. Abernethy went to Kings Mountain last Saturday to visit his sister, Mrs. Chas. McGinnis.

The plant of the Southern Desk Company is being enlarged by building a large addition to the present one. This company seems to be on the boom all the time.

## Clears Complexion—Removes Skin Blemishes.

Why go through life embarrassed and disfigured with pimples, eruptions, blackheads, red rough skin, or suffering the tortures of Eczema, itch, tetter, salt rheum. Just ask your Druggist for Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Follow the simple suggestions and your skin worries are over. Mild, soothing, effective. Excellent for babies and delicate, tender skin. Stops chapping. Always helps. Relief or money back. 50c., at your Druggist.

Mrs. Frank Devane and daughter, Josephine, and Mrs. Charlie Cook and three children, of Breyard, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Setzer.

Harsh physics react, weaken the bowels, will lead to chronic constipation. Doan's Regulatol operate easily. 25c a box at all stores. adv't.

## Laura Pendleton IS DECLARED NOT GUILTY

### Clyde C. Clement, However, Was Convicted of Murder of the Baby.

Spartanburg, S. C., April 27.—After having been out less than two hours the jury in the case of Clyde C. Clement and Miss Laura F. Pendleton, who have been on trial here during the past week for the drowning of a baby, tonight found Clement guilty of murder and Miss Pendleton not guilty. Clement was recommended to mercy, which means under South Carolina procedure, that he will be sentenced to life imprisonment.

The baby alleged to have been the daughter of the two defendants was found in a mill pond January 31. Each of the defendants accused the other of having thrown the child into the pond the night before from a bridge. They admitted having gone to the bridge together with the baby, but each professed ignorance of the intention of the other.

Miss Pendleton's testimony differed somewhat from alleged confession made by her after her arrest, in which she was quoted as saying she unwillingly consented to the death of the baby after Clement had promised to marry her if she acquiesced and threatened to abandon her if she thwarted his design.

## CATAWBA COUNTY—NORTH CAROLINA

(By EDWARD L. SHUFORD.)

Catawba County is located in the Western part of North Carolina in what is known as the Piedmont section. It is in the heart of a rich agricultural and dairying center. Newton is the county seat. Catawba has an area of 440 sq. miles, with 35,000 population.

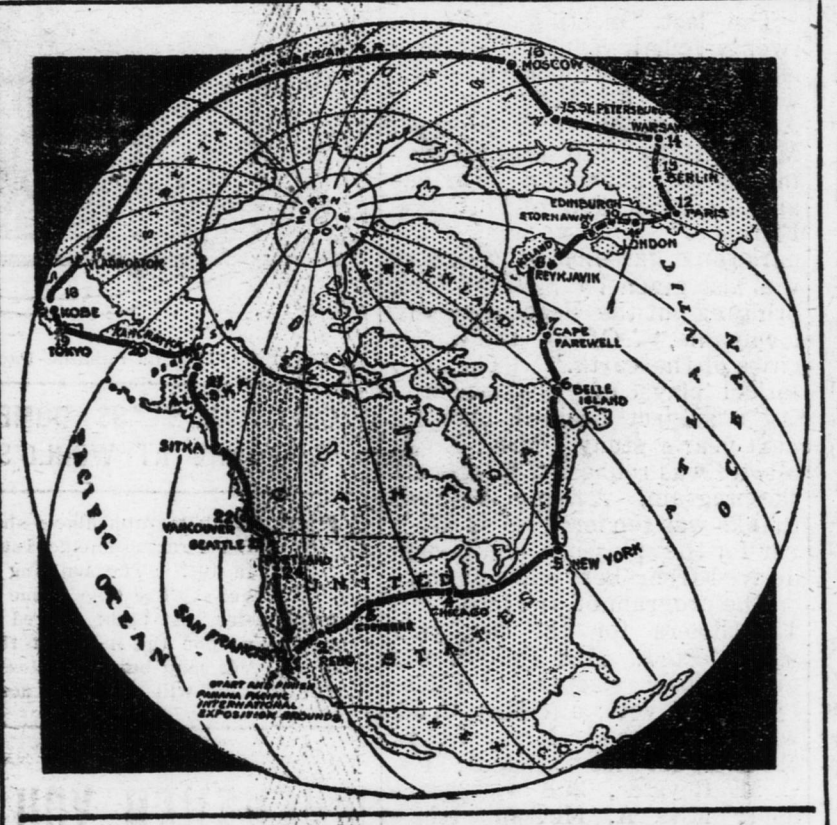
This county was a part of Lincoln, which was originally Tryon. The name, Catawba, is of Indian origin and the meanings of the word is not definitely known. This County was settled by representatives of the sturdy German race, whose descendants retain to this day the industry, thrift, and skill, for which this people is noted.

The soil is a sandy loam with a subsoil of rich clay, well watered and equally as well drained. There is also a vein of coal clay running through it which makes an exceptionally strong soil suitable for grasses and grains. Along the streams are extensive bottoms which, when drained, produce splendid crops of corn and hay.

The county has various mineral resources including gold, lime, pottery, brick, clay and other minerals. Timber is also found in a large variety, which helps to supply the demand of Catawba's great number of wood working plants. There are extensive forests of Oak, Hickory, and also some Pine.

Agriculture is the chief occupation, in which rapid progress has been made in the last few years. There are 2311 farms in the county that are cultivated by the owners themselves.

The chief crops grown in Catawba are corn, oats, wheat, peanuts, sweet potatoes, tobacco, hay and forage. The live stock and dairying industries have of late years become very successful. The county did not make great progress in the breeding of live stock until recent years. Thorough-bred sires have been introduced which is the essential point of good live stock breeding, and Catawba soon will rank with the leading counties of the State in this line. There are 4891 dairy cows, 2952 horses, 2080 mules in Catawba. The majority of these were raised outside of the county, but Catawba intends to raise her own live stock in the coming years. Dairying is carried on with great success in this county. In fact, she is noted for her dairying and for her co-operative creamery. This creamery was organized June 1st, 1910, and was incorporated Aug. 1912. So remarkably successful has this association been, that numbers of people from all parts of the country have visited this plant to inspect it, and to see how the work is carried on. It turns out now 16,000 lb. of butter a month. All cows from which the cream comes that is used by the creamery are tested for tuberculosis. After the beginning of this work it developed that the farmers wished to sell their eggs through this association, which is now being



**AIRSHIPS WILL RACE AROUND THE GLOBE FROM SAN FRANCISCO IN 1915.**

AERONAUTS from all the civilized nations of the globe with every standard type of air craft driven by motors will participate in an aerial race around the world, which will be a feature of the sporting events to be held during the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco in 1915.

The race will start from the grounds of the Exposition in May, 1915, and will end there. Three hundred thousand dollars has been hung up in prizes for this stupendous world gridding contest. A number of the world's greatest aviators have signified their intention of entering the races. The recent flight of Stoeffler, ending at Malthausen, Germany, in which he covered 1,575 miles, convinces aviators that long flights are a matter of adequate supply stations. The above photograph shows the route around the world and the various supply stations.

## DAVENPORT COMMENCEMENT

The following invitation has been received:  
The Class of Nineteen hundred and fourteen  
Davenport College for Women  
requests the honor of your presence  
at the  
Commencement Exercises  
May eighteenth to twentieth  
Lenoir North Carolina

The following is the program:  
May 18, 3:00 p.m., Art Reception  
8:00 p.m., Musical Contest  
May 19, 11:00 a.m., Annual Sermon by Rev. F. Stuart French, D. D., Nashville, Tennessee.  
8:00 p.m., Final Concert  
May 20, 9:30 a.m., Graduating Exercises.

10:30 a.m., Address to Graduating Class by Rev. S. A. Steel, D. D., Columbia, South Carolina.

Graduates in Regular Course—Annie Florence Heafner, Annie Olivia Kent, Mary Hendry Newland, Charity Eleanor Nipper, Mary Parks Shell, Jamie Tuttle, Ellen David West and Beulah Mae Williamson.

Graduate in Piano—Elizabeth Sinclair Miller.

Graduate in Expression—Marion Stephenson Long.

Graduate in Art—Knoxie Virginia Kiser and Ethel Lester Montsinger.

done with much success and to the great satisfaction of the farmers, and patrons as well. The paid-in capital of this enterprise is \$50,000. The stockholders realize an annual dividend of 8 per cent.

The Southern and C. & N. W. Railways are the chief means of transportation in Catawba county. There is a very progressive spirit in the movement for good roads. Newton and Hickory are linked by an excellent sand clay road, and there has been a bond issue of \$100,000 for building good roads in Newton and Hickory townships.

Educational advantages in Catawba county are unusually good. There are well equipped graded schools in the towns, and good schools in the county districts. The following colleges also are in the county; Claremont College and Lenoir College, Hickory; Catawba College, Newton, Concordia College, Conover; South Fork Institute, Maiden; St. James College, Startown.

Hickory, with an estimated population of 8,000, is the largest town in the County. This enterprising little city has more improved streets, beautiful homes, and handsome church buildings than any other town of its size in North Carolina. There is also a large number of manufacturing plants here. Some of these are: Piedmont Wagon Company, Hickory Novelty Shops, Hickory Mfg. Co., Moss Wood Working Plant, Hutton & Bourbonnais, Hickory Chair Company, Hickory Seed Co., Catawba Milling Co., Martin Furniture Co., Hickory Furniture Co., Picker-Stick Factory, Brookford Cotton Mills,

## CARNEGIE PITIES OLD MEXICO

Sadly, as a man who has seen a life-long dream wither at the touch of facts, Andrew Carnegie spoke to The Tribune yesterday of his study window, whispering softly to himself: "It is too sad, too sad, too sad to think of. I can't talk of it at all, at least not till something happens—some decisive event which will change the situation and bring about peace. And oh! I pity, pity Mexico."

"Do you think the President justified in his course of action?" asked the reporter.

"Don't ask me that," he pleaded, turning his chair a little more toward his questioner. "I do not want to say. I can scarcely believe that the chief American Republic, which has a larger population than all other American Republics together, is to become involved in war with little Mexico, of only fourteen millions of people. Mexico is to be pitied; deeply sympathized with ever since Madero lost his control."

He closed his eyes and shook his head slowly from side to side.

"I can't help pitying Mexico and wishing that our monster Republic had kept its hands off. The foreign Governments of Europe felt it their duty to recognize Huerta; we alone refused, which meant that we embarrassed ourselves in Mexican affairs and put ourselves in opposition to all other countries.

"No, no, we had no right to interfere with the internal conditions of Mexico, and all our troubles spring from doing so. When we found that all other Nations recognized Huerta as the proper President of Mexico, there was every reason why we should have quietly concurred and kept our hands off. We should have followed other Governments in getting on with him as peaceably as we could and giving him a fair trial. When we left other Nations and took up a different position, a grave mistake was committed, as is now clearly shown."—New York Times.

Shuford Cotton Mill, Ivey Cotton Mill, Elliott Hosiery Mill, Hickory Hosiery Mill, Ice Plant, Piedmont Foundry, Latta-Martin Pump Co., Hickory Overall Co., besides many other minor plants.

There are in Hickory many large mercantile establishments, wholesale and retail. The First National Bank and the Hickory Banking & Trust Company provide adequate banking facilities. The two Building & Loan Associations offer excellent opportunity for people to build their own homes. The new Government building in Hickory will soon be completed at a cost of \$75,000.

Hence, with all this vast amount of diversified variety in minerals, timber products, grain crops, live stock and manufac-

## PRESS OF WORLD TALKS SITUATION

### Spanish Newspapers Friendly in Attitude But Say go After The Rebels too

Madrid, April 23.—Leading Spanish newspapers have adopted a well balanced and even friendly attitude toward the United States in commenting on the Mexican situation.

Eli Liberal expresses the belief that Mexican independence will be respected by the United States, "although Gen. Huerta brought intervention upon himself." It says:

"It would be well for the United States to intervene also in the Mexican provinces where Carranza and Villa exercise authority."

El Imparcial says: "The Monroe doctrine is now being modified to mean 'America for the North Americans.' The war will end in the adoption of an imperialistic policy by the United States.

English Press is Commending Wilson.

London, April 21.—The English press generally upholds the course of President Wilson. The Standard says his action has the full acquiescence of this government. The Times declares "the justification for forcible interference" is far stronger than appears on the surface. The Daily Mail describes the British attitude toward Wilson as "one of admiration."

France Reticent.

Paris, April 21.—The French foreign office, although no official announcement has been made, is believed to regard the action of the United States with relief.

German Paper Bitter.

Berlin, April 21.—The German press as a rule is sparing in its comment on the Mexican crisis. The Post, editorial as follows: "Germany has no reason to desire an American victory. The American colossus would thereby grow still more gigantic and become more dangerous to us economically than it already is."

Japanese Papers Reserved.

Tokio, April 23.—Most of the leading newspapers of Japan are moderate and reserved in their attitude regarding the Mexican situation. One or two of the less responsible journals, however, today suggests that advantage should be taken of the present embarrassment of Washington to press the issues outstanding between Japan and the United States.

Married at Claremont.

Mr. Albert Huffman of this city was married Sunday evening at 6 o'clock to Miss Sadie Pope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Q. E. Pope, at their residence in Claremont, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Mennen, the bride's pastor.

The bride is one of Claremont's most popular young ladies and is well known here by many who will gladly welcome her to our city. Mr. Huffman is employed by the firm of Setzer & Russell and is a splendid young man who is highly respected by all who know him. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Huffman of near this city.

They will be at home in this city on Tenth Avenue about May 10.

## Check Your April Cough.

Thawing frost and April rains chill you to the very marrow, you catch cold—Head and lungs stuffed—You are feverish—Cough continually and feel miserable—You need Dr. King's New Discovery. It soothes inflamed and irritated throat and lungs, stops cough, your head clears up, fever leaves, and you feel fine. Mr. J. T. Davis, of Stickney Corner, Me., "Was cured of a dreadful cough after doctor's treatment and all other remedies failed. Relief or money back. Pleasant—Children like it. Get a bottle to-day. 50c and \$1.00, at your Druggist. Bucklen's Arnica Salve for all Sores.

Mr. John P. Hunsucker has been appointed postmaster at Conover.

turing industries, we feel sure that we have one of the foremost counties in the State, and one of which we shall be prouder and prouder as the years go by. Since she has now learned to walk, she will advance by leaps and bounds in these different lines, and will finally stand on the top round of success.