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CARRANZA TROOPS ARE GATHERING AT CHIHUAHUA

Although Concentration is Not Explained, Army Officers Believe it is Part of Plan to Cooper- ate--Messages Garbled--Villa Band Defeated.

(By Associated Press.)
El Paso, April 7.—Advance guards of the American expedition hunting Villa were operating today near Satevo. The region between Satevo and Parral where Villa is reported to be heading is said to be infested with numerous bands of Villa bandits. American refugees say that if Villa should succeed in uniting these bands he would have a force of 1,000 men and could furnish battle to his pursuers.

Official information from the front showed that American cavalry had penetrated south of San Antonio, Chihuahua and was still moving southward.
HERE IS VILLA.
(By the Associated Press.)
San Antonio, April 7.—Villa was in the neighborhood of Cunillas, 10 miles south of Satevo on April 4, according to General Gutierrez, commanding Carranza troops at Chihuahua. General Bell received this information and transmitted it to General Funston today.

(By Associated Press.)
San Antonio, April 7.—Carranza troops were reported today by the American consul to be concentrating at Chihuahua. The reason for the concentration was unexplained, but the officers at General Funston's headquarters believed that it was part of the de facto government's plan to cooperate with the American forces in the pursuit of Villa, who is traveling south from Chihuahua.

Messages from this section have been so garbled that it has been necessary to repeat them. Colonel Brown reported from a point some 50 miles from Satevo April 4.

CARRANZA GANG WINS.
(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 7.—Another engagement between Carranza and Villa bandits occurred April 4 at Cainequilla. Ten of the bandits were killed. This information was received from Carranza sources today.

CONDUCTED LOTTERY
DRAWS \$1,000 FINE
Asheville, April 7.—H. F. Carson, charged with conducting a lottery, was found guilty in superior court and sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 and costs. Carson, it is stated, claimed to represent a Knoxville Tenn. company and distributed goods by forming clubs to pay so much a week and hold a drawing every week, the winner to be given an article selected. It is claimed that the clubs involved about 600 people in Asheville, and that after a certain number had been winners, the collectors quit coming for the money and many of the investors got nothing but experience for their cash.

REALTY IN HICKORY.
The auction sale of real estate here yesterday by the Piedmont Realty and Auction Company, showed that real estate, improved and unimproved, is a ready sale and brings fair prices in Hickory.
Especially is this true in the second ward, on Eighth street and Eighth avenue, near the South graded school and Kenworth. That is a neighborly and friendly section of the city, and home-seekers are finding it out. Its reputation is health, home, happiness.

New Naval Dirigible Breaks Away from Base at Pensacola and Is Lost

(By the Associated Press.)
Pensacola, Fla., April 7.—The immense new observation balloon recently received at the naval aviation station here broke loose early today, and driven by a brisk southwest wind gradually ascended and when lost to view was floating towards southeast Alabama or north-east Georgia.
The balloon was 81 feet long and could carry four persons. It was fully inflated with 25,000 cubic feet of gas when it broke away from the rope which held it to the ground. The stabilizer was not attached to the balloon, and officers believe that if it should turn over some of the valves might open, causing the craft to descend. Should the balloon remain upright, officers said it might remain afloat many hours.

Pensacola, Fla., April 7.—The new naval observation balloon recently brought to the government naval station here for experimental use in connection with the navy broke away from its moorings early today and rising rapidly, soon was lost to view. Telephone messages were sent to Mobile warning residents to look out for the big balloon, which was moving west. Nobody was in the dirigible when it broke away, and as it was

MONROE LUTZ IS CAUGHT WITH LIQUOR

Monroe Lutz, a white man, was arrested at 11:30 last night at his home on Twelfth avenue just as he had driven in with 10½ gallons of liquor, and the liquor and horse and buggy were seized by the officers. Lutz was locked up pending his trial before Recorder Campbell this afternoon.

Chief Lentz and Sergeant Sigmon, suspecting that they would make a big haul, remained near Lutz's home the greater part of the night, and shortly before midnight they saw him drive up. The liquor was in a suitcase and sack. He had rented a team from Mr. Bob Thomason, a liverman, and this also was seized by the officers. This is said to be the first offense of Lutz here.

There was some doubt as to whether the city should hold the horse and buggy, as the supreme court has held that in the case of mortgaged property used in the transporting of liquor the state could not confiscate. Some lawyers say that as a liverman cannot know what will be done with his teams, he cannot be made to lose unless it is shown that there is collusion between the person hiring the vehicle for an unlawful purpose and the person owning it. The supreme court has not passed on this point.

AUCTION SALE OF HOUSE;
LIVERY STABLE IS SOLD
The Piedmont Auction and Realty Company yesterday afternoon sold Mr. R. L. Clinton's house and three lots on the corner of Eighth avenue and Seventh street to Col. Robert Ransom and before the close of the day Colonel Ransom swapped this property to Mr. Pink Campbell for his livery stable on Ninth avenue, giving him some boot. The price of the residence property was \$2,200.
Tomorrow Mr. C. T. Morrison, manager, will conduct a sale at Kings Mountain.

KALE BROUGHT BACK.
Deputy Sheriff Charlie Hefner of this city, has returned from New Jersey where he went to get John Kale, colored, charged with stealing cotton at Long Island from the cotton mill there and selling it back to the mill. Of the \$400 he is thought to have had when he left the county, he had \$25 in cash, a watch he said he paid \$32 for; and the express people are shipping to Sheriff Isenhour three suit cases of clothing purchased in the markets of New York and Philadelphia while Kale was on his shopping tour of those places. Deputy Hefner said he had a fine trip and had no trouble in getting Kale back to North Carolina.

fully inflated, officers said there was nothing to prevent it remaining aloft many hours. It is 80 feet long. The fact that no one was aboard and that it was not equipped with automatic equipment for deflation, makes it impossible to make the vessel land.
The dirigible will have to be overtaken by aeroplanes. Since the wind shifted, the vessel may have gone out to sea.
The dirigible is said to be worth between \$50,000 and \$60,000 and is practically new. It was received here only a few days ago. How it broke away is not known.
Preparations to make the pursuit are being made and this will be started as soon as possible. The weather was heavy but as the sun came out the dirigible was seen rising higher and higher.

RELATIONS WITH JAPAN NEVER BETTER

(By Associated Press.)
Tokio, April 8.—"The relations between the United States and Japan have always been excellent notwithstanding disturbing rumors at times to the contrary," said Baron Ishi the minister of foreign affairs, during an address, "but as far as I can judge they have never been better or as good as they are today." The minister was speaking at the annual dinner of the America's Friends Association, an organization composed of Japanese who are especially interested in maintaining the good relations between Japan and the United States. Viscount Kentaro Kaneko, a member of the Privy Council, president, and among those there were Premier Count Okuma and George W. Guthrie, the American ambassador. Baron Ishi said:
"We all remember about a quarter of a century ago the creation of the cry 'the yellow peril.' I did not understand it then and I do not now, but it originated from a certain power in Europe whose real aim was to create discord to serve her own purposes of domination, to crush down the newly rising nation in the Far East. Happily for humanity's sake, the American people understood the motives behind this power. This European power today is now frankly and openly embarked on her ambition of world conquest."
He continued: "The result is that the relations between Japan and the United States are better than at any previous time because that power is too much occupied with her own troubles and cares, and the relations between the United States and Japan are now left to be regulated by the two nations themselves. Therefore we find when left without this source of intrigue that there never has been a better or more cordial understanding between the two nations bordering the Pacific than at present. We have every reason to congratulate ourselves on the elimination of the source of trouble for it bespeaks a bright future; for this power is and will be too busy for some time to interfere. With the continual growing, better understanding of the motives of each country, this relationship will grow year by year more ideal, more cordial as it justly ought to be."
Premier Okuma made a reference to the United States both at the America's Friend Dinner and at a luncheon which he gave yesterday at his official residence to the Japanese and foreign journalists. He referred to president Wilson's advocacy of military expansion and said that it was forced upon the United States by the war in Europe. He added: "The ideal of peace and the principle of democracy so strongly upheld by President Jefferson and others are now being regulated to the benefit of the military expansion movement is being vigorously pushed forward by Mr. Wilson. Why? Because the American interests are threatened. Germany and Austria are menacing the safety of American lives on the sea, and their submarines are threatening the coast of South Africa. The Teutonic spirit of patriotism is being carried too far, and the United States is suffering from this pestilence. All this has naturally forced the Americans to get ready for any emergency, hence a great military expansion movement has suddenly sprung up."
Count Okuma thought that Japan and the United States working together could do a great deal towards rescuing the world from the calamity now oppressing it.
The premier made several references to revolution in Europe and threatened to become nation-wide. He compared the situation in China with that in Mexico and expressed the opinion that the United States could understand the feelings of Japan. He added: "If the great republic of the United States and the Japanese Empire should cooperate in bringing about peace in China we shall succeed. Japan wishes to join America in this work of bringing back peace in the world and in restoring order and peace in China."
The prime minister feared that if the Chinese revolution became worse, China might be divided into two warring factions. He estimated that there were now about 3,500 Germans resident in China and thought that many were engaged in various forms of intrigue. The Japanese government was taking special measures against these Germans and Japanese allies could rest assured that everything was being done to safeguard their interests.

**BIG CROWD ATTENDS
ROWAN COMMENCEMENT**
Salisbury, April 7.—More than 4,300 school children, two bands and a number of floats took part in the parade here today incident to the county commencement. A great crowd was present. The parade beat the rain to the buildings by a few minutes, and this afternoon exercises were being held at seven different places. Dr. Archibald Henderson, professor of mathematics in the University of North Carolina, delivered the principal address.

**MR. HARTE CONDUCTED
CHAPEL SERVICES TODAY**
Rev. J. D. Harte, pastor of the First Baptist church, conducted exercises in chapel at Lenoir College this morning, his subject being "Self-Consecration," and he developing two main thoughts. The first was that God can use the simplest means in His service and the second that these means must be surrendered to Him before He can use them. Rev. J. G. Garth conducted services last Friday morning, and it is the plan to have a Hickory pastor at the college every week.

LOOKING FOR IT.
(By the Associated Press.)
Mobile, Ala., April 7.—A sharp lookout is being maintained for the naval dirigible which escaped from the Pensacola naval aviation station this morning. Men with powerful glasses have been stationed on the tops of the highest buildings and are constantly sweeping the horizon in the hopes of glimpsing the dirigible.

NO ACTION TODAY BY PRESIDENT WILSON

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 7.—President Wilson and the cabinet today considered the submarine situation, but did not decide on any action.

**NO CHANGE IN HOTEL
AT BLOWING ROCK NOW**
Mrs. E. A. Taylor, owner of the Blowing Rock Hotel, has decided not to form a corporation to take over the property this summer, owing to the lateness of the season, and she will manage the hotel as formerly. In the meantime the stock will be taken up and many improvements made before the season of 1917. Practically enough stock has been subscribed for, but it was decided not to attempt any elaborate improvements this season.

**WILL HAVE HEARING
HOWARD RESOLUTION**
(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 7.—The Howard resolution for an embargo against shipments of crude petroleum, kerosene and similar products and empowering the President to lift the embargo whenever it is apparent the price charged consumers is fair and reasonable will be given a hearing next week before the house committee. Representative Carter of Oklahoma appeared before the house committee today to urge a favorable report on his bill for government owned pipe lines.

**NEW STORE COMING
TO HICKORY SOON**
Mr. B. L. Horner, vice president of the McLellan Stores Company of New York, after making arrangements for opening a 5, 10 and 25 cents store here May 15, left today for Greensboro. The new store will be located in the building formerly occupied by Bowles Furniture Company and considerable work will be done on it at once. This company has 30 stores in the country, and the Hickory store will make the 14th to be established in North and South Carolina.

MARKETS
NEW YORK STOCKS
(By the Associated Press.)
New York, April 7.—Minor changes mostly upward, were registered by leading stocks at today's opening on limited trading, although United States Steel and Smelting and Marine were offered in large shares. Mercantile Marine soon made a new high record, but Industrial Alcohol yielded a point. Other stocks receded a point.

COTTON FUTURES.
(By the Associated Press.)
New York, April 7.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of two to four points today and prices sold off right after the call. Offerings were not heavy and prices steadied at the decline.

HICKORY MARKETS.
Cotton 11.13
Wheat \$1.40

CHICAGO WHEAT.
(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, April 7.—Higher prices on wheat and a rush of buying resulted today from the government prediction of a big shortage in the domestic winter crop. Opening prices which ranged with an advance at May at 1.19 and July at 1.18 were followed by further gains.

THE WEATHER
Washington April 7.—For North Carolina: Probably rain tonight, and Saturday; fresh to strong east winds.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.
(Newton Enterprise.)
Deeds filed for record during the week include the following:
Junkius A. Yount to D. Edwards for \$900, two acres adjoining T. Edwards.
A. L. Wilfong to A. S. Abernethy and Son for 936, three lots totaling over nine acres, adjoining Pink Sigmon and others.
F. L. Sherrill to Martin Furniture Company for \$1,000, property adjoining furniture plant, Hickory.
H. C. Cline to H. W. Harris for \$75, lot near St. Stephens church.

ANOTHER TICKET FOR WEST HICKORY

Alleging that more votes were cast in the primary in West Hickory Monday night than there were voters in the hall, friends of Mr. O. J. Brewer, who was one of the candidates for mayor, have called a mass meeting for next Monday night to name an opposition ticket. There were 62 men in the school building, it is claimed. Mr. Brewer obtained 32 votes and Mr. G. T. Barger secured 38, and this was eight more votes than there were in the hall, it is said.
The ticket nominated follows: For mayor—G. T. Barger; for aldermen—Zeb Pearce, L. F. Frye, and Emmet Cody, and for school commissioners—Frank Miller, renominated, John Pearce and W. A. Hoover.

It is said that the mass meeting might endorse one or more candidates on the above ticket, but it was stated positively today that another set of candidates would be named. Quite a good deal of interest has been manifested in the outcome.
The regular election will be held Tuesday, May 2.

MARS HILL EASY FOR LENOIR COLLEGE

In a slow game here yesterday afternoon Lenoir won from Mars Hill 13 to 3. The score was close and the game interesting until the closing innings when a fusillade of hits and a bunch of errors turned it into a runaway for Lenoir.

Lenoir took the lead by scoring three runs in the first. One was added in the third, one in the sixth and eight in the eighth. Mars Hill ran two across in the sixth and one in the ninth.
Conrad and Hunsucker led the Lenoir crew in slugging, Conrad driving out two doubles and a single out of five times and Hunsucker two triples and two singles out of two times up.

Frye, at second for Lenoir, accepted two chances that were near home. Barksdale 3rd baseman for Mars Hill made a pretty catch of E. Miller's drive in the third inning.
R. H. E. Lenoir 301 001 08x—13 10 4
Mars Hill 000 002 001— 3 7 5
Two base hits, Conrad 2; 3 base hits, Hunsucker, 2; Base on balls off Miller 0, off Gwynn 3. Hit by pitched ball, Sox, Frye. Sacrifice hits: Yoder, Hunsucker, Stolen bases: Curran 2; Frye, Yoder, Hunsucker. Lively, C. Struck out by Miller 10; by Gwynn 5. Double play: Gwynn-Curran-Williams. Time 2 hours 10 minutes. Umpire, Yoder. Attendance 500.

COUNTY CONVENTION AT NEWTON TOMORROW

Newton, April 7.—The Democratic county convention and mass meeting will be held tomorrow at 12 o'clock in the county court house to nominate candidates for the houses and county officers and name an executive committee and a county chairman.

Chairman C. M. McCockle will call the convention to order and W. A. Self of Hickory, will be temporary chairman and will deliver one of the principal speeches. Other county leaders will speak and the Newton band will furnish music.
As to who will be nominated there is nothing to be said save that numerous suggestions have been made from time to time. Democrats this year show a willingness on all sides to subordinate any preferences as to candidates in the general effort to name a ticket that will win. Individuals do not matter; there is an eager, universal desire to put the county back in the Democratic column.

It is expected that there will be a large attendance at the convention with every precinct fully represented.

SENATOR HARDING IS CHOSEN CHAIRMAN

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, April 7.—Senator Harding of Ohio, was elected temporary chairman of the Republican national convention by the committee on arrangements today by acclamation.
George L. Hart of Roanoke, Va., was named as official.

REICHSTAG ADOPTS SUBMARINE POLICY

(By the Associated Press.)
Amsterdam, April 6, via London, April 7.—The German reichstag today adopted the committee's resolution on submarine warfare as well as the budget.

GERMANS SHIFT ATTACK IN FIGHT FOR FORTRESS

Penetrate First Line Trench in Vicinity of Dead Man's Hill--Action Expected on Eastern Front--Spain Asks Germany for an Explanation.

FEBRUARY SNOW COMES IN APRIL

For more than two hours today it snowed. Mixed signals is believed to be responsible for the phenomenon. Yesterday's weather report indicated cloudiness, and today's rain, but it should be said for the benefit of the observer that there has never been devised an instrument that can tell the difference between rain and snow in advance. It looked like rain, but the elements mixed signals, and snow was the result. The snow failed to stick.
In Salisbury and Concord rain fell this afternoon. In the mountains more snow must have occurred than was the case here, but no reports were received west of Hickory.

While today's chill will not do early vegetable and fruit much harm, it was not believed that the harder truck would be damaged much. The fruit should not be injured at all unless a freeze should come.

PRESIDENT WILSON COMMUTES MEN

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 7.—President Wilson today commuted to four and six months respectively the sentences passed December 6 upon Harlie and Ernest Vanceannon, of Greensboro, N. C., for operating an illicit still.
The prisoners were originally sentenced four and six months in jail. After they had spent three days in jail, they requested the court to sentence them to terms of one year each in the Atlanta prison, giving as their reason that life in the Greensboro jail was intolerable. The court joined in the request for commutation.

HOPE TO PREVENT LYNCHING IN SOUTH

(By the Associated Press.)
Birmingham, April 7.—The Association of Southern Church Colleges, formed for the purpose of trying to reduce the number of lynchings in the south, began its preliminary work today. Eighteen colleges are charter members. The association began its session last night and President Bishop of Texas, said it had the hearty cooperation of 40 other colleges throughout the south.

BIG WHEAT SHORTAGE INDICATED IN REPORT

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 7.—A total production of 495,000,000 bushels of winter wheat was forecast today by the department of agriculture, basing its estimates on the condition of the crop April 1 and assumption of average abandonment of acreage and average influence on the crop to harvest. That compares to 585,000,000 last year.

TO BEGIN REVIVAL IN WEST HICKORY

Rev. C. A. Lineberger of Morganton will begin a series of meetings in the West Hickory Baptist church Monday night, Rev. W. N. Cook, pastor, announced today. Rev. J. B. Pruitt will preach at both services Sunday. The revival will continue ten days, and Mr. Cook is confident that much good will be done in West Hickory. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

DAVIDSON AND TRINITY WANT TO PLAY HERE

Mr. F. A. Henderson last evening received a telegram from Mr. W. L. Ferrell, manager of the Trinity College baseball team in regard to a contest here April 13 with Davidson College, and Mr. Henderson at once took up the question of securing the Lenoir College diamond for the contest. Professor Coble readily granted the use of the field, and the Trinity authorities were wired that everything looked good.

Alumni and friends of these two institutions are interested and there is no doubt that they will draw a large crowd here. The game will be well advertised, and it is hoped by local fans that the contest will be staged here.

OAK RIDGE WINS.

Newton, April 7.—Catawba College lost to Oak Ridge in one of the greatest games ever witnessed on that diamond Rowe and Pegram from the start engaged in a great pitching duel in which both men were unhittable and it seemed until the ninth that neither team would be the winner. The ninth with two outs, Rowe lost her "pep" and allowed Pegram to cross the plate. The Catawba team played great ball and Rowe was the pitcher in danger.

Oak Ridge 10
Catawba 0
Batteries Oak Ridge: Pegram and Wren. Catawba: Rowe and Reinhart.

The Hatred of Publicity

Some people hate publicity like the young Detroit man. He was dressed in a tight-fitting suit of the latest cut, and his whole costume was a dream of sartorial refinement. And he was plainly embarrassed when he entered the editor's office.
"I was intensely shocked to read a notice in your paper of my engagement," he began. "I can not tell you how shocked I am. I was positively chagrined. My fiancée was chagrined; we were all chagrined. How much for fifty copies of the paper?"—Argonaut.