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CARRANZISTAS DRIVING VILLA TOWARDS NORTH, WHERE UNITED STATES CAVALRY IS WAITING TO FINISH BANDIT LEADER

Matter of Few Hours Before His End, Funston Thinks—De Facto Government Troops Friendly With People of Mountain Section and American Officials Expect No Further Opposition—Mormon Colonists at Casas Grandes Not in Danger Now—Permission for Use of Railroads Expected—Carranza Troops Engaged in Running Battle With Outlaws Fighting for Lives in the Mexican Desert Country

(By the United Press)

San Antonio, March 21.—“The next few hours may tell the story,” was General Funston’s comment today on dispatches that Villista and Carranzista armies had clashed and that Villa was retreating northward toward where American cavalry is stationed. A night ride had brought the Americans close to their quarry. Pershing is being advised presumably of the Carranzistas’ movements, and there seems to be friendly co-operation. More troops are leaving Columbus.

Carranzistas Co-Operating Nicely.

Washington, March 21.—Conditions in Mexico are favorable, it is officially said at the State Department. The Department has had no confirmation of reports of a Villista-Carranzista clash. One report told of the saving of the Mormon colonists at Casas Grand and said the natives and Carranzistas in the trouble zone are friendly. A protocol for united action by America and Mexico is hunting Villa in preparation. Carranza is to grant the use of the railways by Americans.

Villa Engaging Carranzistas But Running.

El Paso, March 21.—The Americans will be in action soon against Villa bandits, it is thought. Col. Dodd is reported to be hurrying to reinforce the Carranzistas at Namiquipa, now engaged in a running fight with the outlaws. Villa is desperately trying to reach Santa Clara Canyon, twenty miles east. It is feared he has escaped.

ALLIES WILL PREPARE TO PUT END TO STRIFE

Meeting of Military and Political Leaders, This Week to Discuss Measures for Forming Conclusion—More Teamwork by Entente Powers and Smaller Nations Is Proposed

Paris, March 21.—A greater entente, bringing France, Russia, England and the smaller Allies into complete accord, is expected to result from a conference of the military and political leaders of the Allies late in this week. They will plan for concerted action by the military and political authorities to shorten the war.

KINSTON MIGHT BE BENEFITED BY NEW NORTHERN BOAT LINE

(Daily Free Press, March 21)
Agents of a proposed steamer line from Baltimore to New Bern and other North Carolina ports will meet with the New Bern Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night to discuss the project. It is believed the line can be established without any considerable difficulty.

Kinston and Goldsboro merchants, says the New Bern Sun-Journal, are much interested, as it would mean a big saving to them in freights to have their goods shipped to New Bern and reshipped via railroad and smaller river boats. Several business men from those towns are expected to attend the meeting here.

Kinston, being now the third, if not the second town in importance as a wholesale center in Eastern Carolina, might be benefited considerably by the line, local dealers say.

BRITISH AND GERMAN DESTROYERS IN FIGHT

London, March 21.—Four British destroyers have engaged three German destroyers of the Belgian coast, says the admiralty. Two German boats were hit by shells. Four British sailors were wounded. It was a running fight. The Germans fled.

RUSSIANS VICTORS IN BIG FIGHT THAT LASTED SIX MONTHS

Vociczko Bridgehead and Surrounding Trenches Now in Slavs’ Hands

NO SECRET AT VIENNA

Defenders Could Not Remain in Position Battered to Ruins by Russian Guns—Czars Troop’s Forty Miles from Czernowitz

(By the United Press)

Berlin, Mar. 21.—The Austrians have evacuated the Vociczko bridgehead and trenches Northwest of there, ending a six-months attack by the Russians, it is admitted by Vienna. The main position was battered to ruins by the Russian artillery. It is only forty miles from Czernowitz. The Russians finally breached the position and forced the Austrians retirement.

Russians Before Trebizond.

Rome, March 21.—Russians have arrived at and are besieging the Black seaport of Trebizond. A large force of Turks is defending the city.

New Teuton Offensive in West.

Paris, March 21.—The Germans have made further gains in a new offensive on the west bank of the Meuse, it is admitted officially. They are renewing their assaults on the Abancourt-Manalcourt line. Last night they occupied the southeastern part of the Malancourt Wood, after having sustained heavy losses. The French artillerists were prepared for an attack.

German Official Statement.

Berlin, March 21.—The capture of French positions north of Verdun and northeast of Avocourt is reported officially. Twenty-five hundred prisoners were taken. Germans have repulsed attacks by the Russians to the south of Riga. They also have repulsed counter attacks at Avancourt.

EXPLOITING BRUNSWICK COUNTY TIMBER TRACTS

Southport, March 20.—C. L. Cotton, of Southport, and Dr. J. B. Ewing, of Fayetteville, real estate dealers, have just negotiated a deal by which the Garysburg Lumber Co. have become possessors of large timber interests in Brunswick. A large mill will be placed at El Paso. Col. Cotton states that outside parties are showing a lively interest at present in the Brunswick timber, and a number of timber tracts have changed hands recently, and other deals are under consideration.

ALLEGED SLAYER OF JACK ALLEN JAILED

Roanoke, Va., March 20.—Will McCraw, alleged blockader, who shot and killed Jasper Allen, last of the Carroll county clansmen, near Mount Airy, N. C., Saturday, was brought here today from Galax, Va., by Sheriff Edwards of Carroll county, because of alleged hostility on the part of some of Allen’s friends. McCraw, who surrendered to the sheriff, will be held here pending hearing in April at Hillsville.

DURHAM COUNTY WHITE GIRL ASSAULTED; MAY BE LYNCHING, STATED

(By the United Press)
Durham March 21.—Miss Daisy Webster, 16, daughter of a farmer, John Webster of Durham county, was today assaulted by a negro. A posse is searching the nearby woods. A lynching is considered certain if the black is captured.

NEW ENGLAND HEARS JIMMIE GLASS HERE AND GETS EXCITED

“Most Extraordinary Case Since Charlie Ross” — Mrs. Glass Said to Have “Definite Clue” — Will Have to Be Disillusioned

(Daily Free Press, March 21)

“Mrs. Ella Glass, mother of 5-year-old James Glass, who disappeared last May at Greeley, Pa., wires that she has a definite clue from Kinston, N. C. that the boy is near there with gypsies, one of whose band has confessed to stealing a boy,” was a message that came to The Free Press today from Meredith, N. H., signed “H. N. S.” The kidnapping was stated to be “the most extraordinary case since Charlie Ross.”

Chief of Police Heath knows of no intelligence from this section to Mrs. Glass, a New Jersey woman, that would warrant the assumption on her part.

“Jimmie Glass is not—has not been—in this section,” says Chief of Police Richard Roberts at Washington. It was in New Bern that the report had its origin some weeks ago that Jimmie Glass was with a party of nomads who passed through that town. At Washington recently the police searched the gypsies’ camp. “We discovered,” says Roberts, “a blue-eyed, light-haired youngster who belonged with that band. His parents certainly are not Americans.” Most gypsies are Bohemians or persons from that part of Europe, and occasionally there creeps into a family of them a child as fair as a Saxon.

Newspaper reports printed in papers of this section evidently have been distorted and Mrs. Glass given a false hope thereby.

This May Explain It.

Washington, N. C., Mar. 21.—The Woman’s Club sticks to it. Jimmie Glass is in this section, the members declare, after nearly every officer in the country has stated the opposite. Mrs. Charles Little of this city has sent Mrs. Ella Glass a letter telling about the small child with a gypsy hand near here and containing newspaper clippings. The letter reached Mrs. Glass today.

SMALL AND DINWIDDIE HARD AT IT ON NAT’L DRY QUESTION TODAY

Greenville, March 21.—John H. Small, Congressman from this district, opposed to the national prohibition amendment, and Rev. R. H. Dinwiddie, legislative representative of the National Anti-Saloon League, are debating the amendment here this afternoon before a big audience. There is considerable interest in the meeting throughout the district. Mr. Small is known to have sought the clash with Dinwiddie, whose home is in Washington, D. C., for some time.

LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR WARREN WOMAN AND CHRISTY, FEMALE SHOULD NOT DIE IN THE CHAIR, SAYS CRAIG; SHE IS GUILTIEST

By W. J. MARTIN.

Raleigh, March 21.—The Governor today commuted to life imprisonment the death sentences of both Mrs. Ida Ball Warren and S. P. Christy, murderers of the woman’s husband, G. J. Warren.

Commutation for the woman was granted solely because she is a woman, and believing her the most guilty, the action necessitated commutation for the man also, the Governor said.

Governor Craig declared electrocution of the woman would send a shiver through North Carolina. The majesty of the law does not require any woman to be put to death, he stated.

Heeded National Protest.

Raleigh, March 21.—Governor Craig today commuted to life imprisonment the death sentences of Mrs. Ida Ball Warren and S. P. Christy, murderers of G. J. Warren, the husband of Mrs. Warren. “He heeded a national protest against the killing of a woman,” it was declared.

PASSAGE BOTH HAY AND TILLMAN BILLS TODAY LOOKED FOR

Vote on Armor Plate Bill in Senate Is Certain, It Is Reported

FIGHT ON THE SHIP BILL

Kitchin Must Be Assured Permanent Government Operation Is Not Intended, Declares — Amendment to Hay Measure

(By the United Press)

Washington, March 21.—Passage before today’s adjournment of the Hay reorganization measure in the House, and the Tillman government armor plate project in the Senate, is the hope of Congress leaders. A vote on the armor bill seems certain.

Voting on amendments will begin at 4 o’clock. There is some doubt as to whether final action will be taken on the Hay bill. The ultimate passage of both bills is practically certain.

Amendment to Hay Bill.

An amendment giving the President power to call for reserves in case of war or threatening hostilities was made in the House Hay bill. The effect would be to increase the army sixty thousand without awaiting action by Congress, if the man were needed.

Kitchin Speaks on Ship Bill.

House Leader Kitchin today announced that he would vote against the ship bill unless amended to make sure that permanent government operation is unintended. He is unfavorable to putting the government permanently in the shipping business, he said. The bill is being drafted by the committee.

The Senate engaged in a heated final debate over the Tillman bill. Mr. Cawson, favoring, said the threat to raise the price of armor plate in case the government erected plants, was enough to justify its passage. Oliver, opposing, said the statement that American plants are selling the plate cheaper to foreign governments than to the United States was a lie.

BABY FIGURES IN A FREAK SUIT IN MINN.

St. Paul, Minn., March 21.—The “Bollinger Baby” of the Northwest was in district court here today. John Henning is complainant in a suit for \$50,000 damages against the Twin City street railway company. Henning alleges his child, now four years old, is a hopeless defective because the street car company permitted carousing, swearing and rowdiness on one of its cars on which Mr. and Mrs. Henning were passengers a month ago, before the child was born.

GREENVILLE MAN TO BUILD NEW TOBACCO WAREHOUSE IN CITY

Will Be Fifth for Kinston Permit Given—Estimated Cost \$15,000 — Location Independent and Lenoir Streets

A building permit has been issued to S. T. Hooker of Greenville for a tobacco warehouse, to be built of brick at the corner of Lenoir and independent streets. The estimated cost is \$15,000. Isaac Rochelle is named as the contractor.

This will make the fifth sales warehouse in Kinston. It is expected that it will be as large as the average in the city, although the dimensions have not been given out. The original cost rarely ever equals the actual cost of construction of such a building, so that it is likely that some thousands more may be expended in it. The warehouse has been contemplated for some time, and it is understood that its erection in Northwest Kinston was anticipated but protested by residents there. The intersection of Lenoir and Independent streets is in the Northeastern part of the city.

SEVEN MILLION JEWS IN CONSTANT DANGER

More Than Half Those Outside of United States Live in Fear for Their Bodies and Souls, Says Pevsner—Women of the Race in America Have Responsibility They Cannot Ignore

“We simply have to restore pride of our ancestry,” says Madame Bella Pevsner, the bright Jewish woman who is spending two or three days with friends here. “This is no mere additional vanity, no unworthy self-sympathy. It spells a knowledge of Jewish history, a true understanding of the forces that have been at work in the past, a love for the true that has fought at great odds all through the past, a readiness today, for the sake of that past, to help Jews wherever they are—in Russia, in Roumania, in Austria-Hungary—to go to Palestine.” Mme. Pevsner reiterated thoughts embodied in her address Sunday afternoon to a large audience of Jews and Gentiles at the Court-house:

“We Jews must be proud of our ancestry. We are living in most critical times. Everywhere fighting is going on. Race fights race; nation arms against nation; class rises against class; sex, even rebels against sex. Everything, everybody is not sparing blood if necessary, and even life, for that passion of the human heart, recognition of its worth, its original, creative existence. How stands it with us, one of the oldest and greatest of the civilized nations? In the midst of this fierce and admirable struggle for independence, freedom and individuality, are we unwilling to sacrifice time, trouble money and personal comfort for the assertion and the recognition of the Jewish genius? Are we among the hybrids of mankind that alone do not cherish pride of ancestry?”

“About my life? Oh, I was born in one country, educated in a second, married in a third. It was a Kishineff and the Dreyfuss case that made me a champion of Judaism. The outrages shocked me into a realization of the plight of the Jews. Since then I have lived for our cause.” Madame Pevsner was born in the Holy Land, but schooled in France. She believes the “Jewish women of America because they are living and developing in an atmosphere of physical, political and spiritual liberty, have a responsibility they cannot ignore, to do extraordinary work for the 12,000,000 other Jews, more than 7,000,000 of whom are in constant danger, both of body and soul.” Mme. Pevsner expects to take her leave for another city this evening. She has lectured on nearly all of the continents.

SEVENTH BLAZE IN THREE DAYS WAS IN BUSINESS DISTRICT

Upper Story of Dixie Theater Building Guttled Monday Night

ABLE WORK OF FIREMEN

Saved Many Thousands of Dollars’ Worth Property. Origin Uncertain—Total Loss Unknown—Rutledge Can’t Run for weeks

(Daily Free Press, March 21)

The second story of the Dixie Theater building on the East side of Queen street, between Gordon and Caswell, was gutted by fire Monday evening shortly after 8:15 o’clock. Quick work on the part of the firemen checked the fire’s spread. After it was certain that it was confined to the Dixie building the department spent three-quarters of an hour in subduing the flames and extinguishing them. The building was being used for storage, Stallings & Collins, owners of the Grand Theater, who until recently operated the Dixie, having property valued at more than \$1,405, with no insurance, in it. Moving picture machines were saved, and Mr. Collins stated today that Stallings & Collins’ loss would stand at approximately \$1,450. Scenery on the stage, chairs, a piano, etc., were ruined. The piano refused to make a note after the blaze.

The lower part of the two-story building was not damaged to any considerable extent. The firemen bent every effort in the task and saved many thousands of dollars’ worth of valuable property adjoining. The building is in the heart of the business district. The blaze was fought from the front and an alleyway in the rear. It is certain that it had a good start before it was discovered. The fire was stubborn, rather hard to get at and raged for a few minutes in a fashion almost discouraging to the firemen. A brisk wind blowing blow made their work the more difficult.

Several theories are entertained as to the origin.

Chief Moseley of the Fire Department shortly before noon today officially estimated Stallings & Collins’ loss at between \$750 and \$1,000, and that of the owner of the building at \$1,000 to \$1,200. “Loafers,” he said, were responsible for the fire. It was the city’s seventh fire in a little more than 72 hours. Damage from the seven fires aggregated more than \$20,000, possibly, and resulted in one death and three narrow escapes.

Mr. O. M. Rutledge, of the lumber manufacturing concern of Rutledge & Co., who lost the main mill of their big plant in Southwest Kinston by fire Monday morning, today stated that it would be between 30 and 60 days before the wrecked machinery and building could be replaced and operations resumed. The damage was between \$12,000 and \$15,000, he thinks—it was estimated at \$15,000 Monday afternoon—and the amount of insurance is not certain.

HELD ON WHITE SLAVE CHARGE AT RICHMOND

Richmond, March 20.—Arrested here on complaint of his wife, Mrs. Bessie Lewman Addy, of Chapin, S. C., who said that he had deserted her and three children for a woman known as Maude Bieker, whom he met while they were living in Charlotte, N. C., Jonas P. Addy, 30 years old, formerly a fireman on the Southern railway, was held in \$1,000 bond by the Federal authorities today on a white slave charge.

Credit Guide Out.

The new Credit Guide for Towns of this section compiled by the Merchants’ Mercantile Association, is being distributed.