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CARRANZA WON'T WITHDRAW REQUEST FOR CALLING AMERICANS OFF; NO CERTAINTY YET BANDIT'S DEATH; GRAVE SITUATION

Refusal of De Facto President to Agree to Punitive Expedition Gives Concern—Pershing Believed to Have Sent Alarming Reports to Funston—Official 'Identification' of Corpse by Mexicans Would Be Embarrassing for United States—Parral May Be Attacked by Troops, for Protection of Americans—'Deliberate Attempt to Annihilate Tompkins' Command—Must Use Railroads, Says Funston, or Change Base

(By E. T. CONKLE, United Press Staff Correspondent) Washington, April 18.—Carranza stands pat on his withdrawal request until he receives a formal reply, Consul Rodgers at Mexico City, today informed the State Department. The army's report of the Parral fight was sent by Rodgers. Villa's death is yet unconfirmed.

Situation Critical. El Paso, April 18.—Protection of American troops is the foremost consideration of army heads, said to be about to attack Parral. Carranza's withdrawal request makes the situation critical. Pershing is understood to have reported adverse conditions to Funston. Failure to verify the identification of Villa's corpse is due to the wires being down, Mexicans here claim. If the Mexican Government officially identifies the body of Villa, the Americans cannot dispute the statement and will withdraw.

Americans Concentrating. San Antonio, April 18.—American advanced detachments are concentrating at Satevo, for a newly planned Villa chase. General Funston asserted today that the troops will be unable to advance beyond Satevo with the present communications. The use of Mexican railways or a change of base will be necessary.

Washington Doesn't Believe Villa Dead. Washington, April 18.—Withdrawal of the American forces from Mexico is expected soon. It will be accomplished with the breaking up of all the Villa bands. Reports of further clashes between Mexican civilians and the Americans may delay the withdrawal.

Parral Attack Vicious. With the American Army in Mexico, Wireless to Columbus, April 18.—The men in the Parral fight describe the Mexican attack as a deliberate attempt of Carranzistas to annihilate Tompkins' command. The Carranzistas attacked Americans and killed one.

SPLIT IN KAISER'S CAPITAL OVER THE DEMANDS OF WILSON

Emperor and Chancellor Want Relations Maintained; Opposition IS AGAINST CONCESSIONS

Reichstag Leaders Willing to Go to Any Extreme Rather Than Modify the Submarine Warfare. The Note to Public Friday

(By the United Press.) Berlin, April 18.—Reichstag leaders favoring a vigorous submarine warfare oppose further concessions to America. The Kaiser supports the chancellor, desiring to maintain friendly relations.

Note to Reach Berlin Friday.

(By ROBERT J. BENDER,) (United Press Staff Correspondent) Washington, April 18.—The note to Germany which makes possible the breaking off of relations is complete. It will reach Germany Friday. The contents will be unknown until then. The President today conferred with Congress leaders. The cabinet approved his action at the last meeting. The President is hopeful of a peaceful outcome of the negotiations. The President and Secretary Lansing conferred today.

Von Bernstorff and Lansing Confer. Washington, April 18.—Ambassador Von Bernstorff asked for a conference with Secretary Lansing on the Sussex situation this afternoon.

INVESTIGATION OF SISAL INDUSTRY

Ordered by Federal Trade Commission—International Harvester Co. Accused of Controlling Business Through Commission in Mexico and Holding Up Yucatan Shipments

Washington, April 18.—The Federal Trade Commission today ordered an investigation of the sisal industry. The International Harvester Company is accused of controlling the industry, increasing prices, it is alleged, through a Yucatan commission and holding up shipments.

FISHERIES MEN MEET IN WILMINGTON TODAY

National Association of Commissioners Hold Annual Convention—Redfield and Craig to Be Among the Speakers—Many Coast States Represented—To Visit Hatchery and Army Post

(Special to The Free Press) Wilmington, N. C., April 18.—The opening session of the annual convention of the National Association of Fisheries Commissioners was held here this morning. The convention will last through Thursday.

Scheduled to speak during the three days are Governor Craig, Mayor Moore, Judge W. P. Stacy, Ed. Chambers Smith, chairman of the North Carolina Fisheries Commission; W. McDonald Lee of Virginia; Deputy Commissioner H. F. Moore, of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries; Brayton A. Round of Rhode Island; George A. Mott of New Jersey; W. H. Malbia of Maryland; John Craft of Alabama; T. R. Hodges of Florida; Frederick L. Perry of Connecticut; Joseph Hyde Pratt of North Carolina; Swepson Earle of Maryland; Henry D. S. Woodbury, member of the Sea and Shore Fisheries Commission; George W. Field of Massachusetts; H. L. Gibbs of North Carolina; Prof. E. E. Prince of Ottawa, Canada; Hon. William Redfield, Secretary of Commerce, and others.

The fish hatchery on Cape Fear river and Fort Caswell will be visited on Thursday.

DRIVEN BACK BY COUNTER ATTACKS—FRENCH ASSERT GERMANS HAVE MADE NO MATERIAL GAIN IN WEST, BERLIN REPORT DIFFERENT

(By the United Press) London, April 18.—The Turks have again defeated the British expedition attempting to relieve the besieged garrison at Kut-el-Amara. The British have been driven back on the south bank of the Tigris by Turk counter charges.

French Statement. Paris, April 18.—The French today repulsed a German attack on the east bank of the Meuse. Germans in charges captured one redoubt. The cannonading continued. Losses have been heavy on both sides. Many German Captives.

Berlin, April 18.—The war office today announced the capture of important French positions near Verdun, and seventeen hundred prisoners.

FOREST FIRES BURNING OUT AROUND BELHAVEN

(By the Eastern Press) Belhaven, N. C., April 18.—The forest fires which have raged unchecked in this part of the State for days are beginning to burn themselves out. No new fires were reported today, and the pall of smoke that has hung over this town since Thursday is lifting this afternoon.

EXTENSION OF MAIN STREET AND OPENING OF VERNON HEIGHTS PLANNED BY PERSONS WHO WOULD DEVELOP PROPERTY NORTH OF CITY—WOULD REMOVE NEAR MANSION FROM END OF STREET

The development of that part of Vernon Heights lying at the northern end of Queen street will be undertaken soon, it is expected. The handsome brick home on 'Sarahurst,' the place of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Edwards, possibly will be moved to face a contemplated extension of Queen street. Chattanooga, Tenn., capital was several weeks ago said to be interested in the property, but no further overtures have been made to the owners, it is stated.

If the Edwards house is moved, as seems likely, Queen street will be opened up for a distance of several blocks farther north, and there will probably be started one of the finest residential sections of the city. The city authorities favor the extension of Queen street and development of the property, of course, but nothing official has been said to the owners in the matter, and any action that may be taken will be by the latter voluntarily, it is said.

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HARRY STEIN DEAD AND PARTELO GIRL IS HELD BY STATE

Young Jewish Merchant Died Early This Morning From Revolver Bullet Wound—Self-Defense to Be Plea of Assailant

(Daily Free Press, April 18) Harry Stein, shot by Margaret Partello in her South Kinston house on a night late in March, died about 1 a. m. today in Parrott Memorial Hospital, where he had been confined since the shooting. As stated in Monday's Free Press, Stein was improving from his wound—an abdominal puncture from a revolver bullet—until Sunday, when a change for the worse occurred.

Stein was well-known in the city. He was an installment dealer with a fairly large business; was a native of Russia and has relatives in Russia and this country. He was probably 30 years of age. His parents live in Russia, and he has a brother in the medical service of the army of that country, thought to be an officer, now a prisoner in Austria.

Margaret Partello, a woman apparently about 25 or 26 years of age, not bad looking and of better address and appearance than most of her class, was held under guard at City Hall this morning. She was under \$1,000 bail also, fixed some time ago.

She shot Stein after he had kicked, beaten and choked her, she stated, following the shooting; she declared that she held no enmity for the man, that, in fact, he had promised to marry her in the summer. Self-defense will be her plea. If Stein made an ante-mortem statement assuming the blame—which cannot be determined today because of the absence of his physician, Dr. J. M. Parrott, from the city—the woman will probably be given her freedom. Margaret Partello, in one statement, said Stein approached her with a knife, and that she shot following his declaration that he intended to kill her.

The Jewish congregation took the remains of Stein in charge today. The funeral will be held at 10 a. m. Wednesday, the Jewish ritual service being held in the Queen Street synagogue and interment following in the Jewish cemetery in Southeast Kinston. He was a member of the Fire Department, Woodmen of the World and Masons, and members of those organizations are requested to offer their services for the customary death watch over the body in the synagogue tonight.

CAN BE GLORIOUSLY DRUNK IN KINSTON FOR TWENTY CENTS

Plenty of 'Jamaica Ginger,' 'Lemon Extract' and 'Spirits Nitre' SIX TEMPORARILY INSANE

From Drinking 100-Can-dlepower Dope, According to Officials—Little Drops of Drugs, Oceans of Alcohol

(Daily Free Press, April 18) By applying at one of several drug stores or numerous edge-of-town groceries and securing 'Jamaica ginger,' spirits of nitre or 'essence of lemon,' one may get drunk as a lord for about 20 cents. Recorder T. C. Wooten and members of the police force say so. These things are put up with the following formulas: Ginger: Alcohol, 93.1-2 per cent; extract of ginger, etc., 6.2-3 per cent. Spirits of Nitre: Alcohol, 92 per cent; 'other ingredients,' 8 per cent.

Essence of lemon: Alcohol, about 70 per cent; 'other ingredients,' about 30 per cent. "It is against the law to sell these things with more than enough alcohol to actually preserve the medicinal or culinary ingredients," Judge Wooten declared today, "and somebody's going to get in jail." Druggists, if there are any violating the law, as the Recorder says, "know better; the grocers, most of them at least, cannot be expected to know better."

A case of one of the articles was seized from a North Kinston man several days ago. The police that he was drunk from it. He was convicted and fined and appealed. He declared the seizure of his goods an outrage and talked of a claim of delivery to recover it. "H—l, they'll do anything to you up there!" he is alleged to have said, commenting on the—to him—unfair treatment he had received. The same man is officially stated to have threatened to 'take his own life and that of a well-known quack medicine dealer in the city Monday night."

A South Queen street watchmaker admitted to officials late Monday that he was suffering from "illumination" from alleged essence of lemon. "He was yellow!" and felt bad! and acted like a house afire!

There are today no less than six men in Kinston temporarily insane from "extract of lemon," "Jamaica ginger" and "spirits of nitre," the authorities say. Two drinks of the stuff, diluted with any soda drink, are good for a small-sized jag and a large-sized headache; two bottles, or four drinks, will make one hate his poor old grandpapa.

An agent of a certain Pennsylvania manufacturing concern is going to do time on the roads of Lenoir county, North Carolina, and some, at that—unless he watches his step, according to Judge Wooten. The person suspected is believed to have "stocked up" a number of the small groceries in the outlying parts of town with the so-called drugs and cooking extracts.

FIVE KILLED, MANY HURT IN WRECK AT BRADFORD, CONNT

(By the United Press) New Haven, Conn., April 18.—Five passengers were killed, three of them burned beyond recognition, and 31 injured in a collision between two passenger trains at Bradford station last night. The cause is unknown. Four coaches and the passenger and the freight stations were burned.

If the name of your favorite candidate does not appear on the list, nominate him or her. The blank for that purpose is on another page.

FORMER SECRETARY CAPTAIN VON PAPEN ARREST'D NEW YORK

Von Igel, Fifth of Alleged Welland Canal Plotters Taken, Fought Four Officers When Taken Into Custody, Says Report

(By the United Press) Washington, April 18.—Wolf Von Igel of New York, former secretary of Capt. Von Papen, is the fifth man indicted by a New York grand jury in the Welland canal plot, the Justice Department today announced. As secretary he handled Von Papen's employees' correspondence. Arrested in New York, Igel fought four officers.

CHAMBERLAIN ARMY BILL IS EXPECTED PASS SENATE TODAY

(By the United Press) Washington, April 18.—The Chamberlain army bill is scheduled to pass the Senate today. It provides for 180,000 regulars and a fifteen-million-dollar government nitrate plan.

ROOSEVELT HASN'T PLANNED GO CHICAGO

(By the United Press) Oyster Bay, April 18.—Col. Roosevelt has not arranged to attend the Chicago conventions. He will make no stump campaign. He contemplates two pre-convention speeches, however.

CONSTITUTION HOLDS ONE GREAT LIE, SAYS DR. CYRUS THOMPSON

"No greater lie was ever penned than the Declaration of Independence in which it is declared that all men were created free and equal."

That, according to reports in this morning's newspapers, was a statement made by Dr. Cy. Thompson of Onslow county before the North Carolina Health Officers' Association in Durham Monday night. He was discussing "The Physician and Public Health."

BULLETINS

(By the United Press) REPORTED RESIGNATIONS BRITISH MINISTERS.

London, April 18.—The coalition cabinet today considered the resignation issue. The resignations of David Lloyd-George, Bonar Law and Lord Curzon were rumored.

MANY LOST OR TORPEDOED SHIP.

London, April 18.—British liner Zent has been torpedoed, unwarned, and 49 killed, and the dutch steamer Ejdijk submerged and beached.

STATE B. P. O. E TO MEET IN WASHINGTON

(By the Eastern Press) Washington, N. C., April 18.—Officers of the local lodge of Elks announced today that the State convention will be held here on May 17 and 18. A thousand Elks are expected to attend the meeting.