

## KAISER WILL ASSURE GERARD OF GERMAN FRIENDSHIP FOR AMERICA AND PROMISE NEW EFFORTS MEET WILSON'S DEMANDS

Emperor Must Have Decided Upon Amicable Action or He Would Not Have Invited Ambassador to Conference, Officials Point Out—American Due at Grand Army Headquarters Today; Will Not Return to Berlin Until Sunday—Embassy Regarded the Situation As Critical Few Days Ago and Began Packing to Leave Germany, But Inside Information Wednesday Caused Them to Change Their Plans

(By R. J. BENDER, United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, April 28.—The Kaiser has determined his reply to America and given the chancellor final instructions regarding the phraseology.

This is the interpretation placed by German officials on the Kaiser's invitation for Gerard to visit him at the Grand Army headquarters. It is declared that for this reason the reply must be favorable. They consider it improbable that the Kaiser would receive Gerard if there was danger of a break. The Kaiser is expected to give Gerard renewed assurances of Germany's friendship for America, and state his desire to retain that friendship and renewed efforts to meet the American demands.

### Gerard May See Kaiser Today

Berlin, April 28.—Ambassador Gerard is due at the Grand Army headquarters today for a conference with the Kaiser, that will precede the forwarding of the German submarine reply to Washington. He is expected to return here Sunday.

### Embassy Officials In Berlin Stop Packing Up.

(By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD, United Press Staff Correspondent)

The Hague, April 28.—Positive assurances have reached the American embassy at Berlin that there will be no diplomatic rupture with Germany, it is reliably learned. Embassy officials last Saturday quickly began packing their personal effects, but on Wednesday assurances of a nature yet unrevealed caused them to abandon their preparations to leave Berlin.

## PRESIDENT'S GREAT THIRD FORCE SENT BY CZAR TO FRANCE WAS LANDED TODAY

Simmons Paid Glowing Tribute to Chief Executive At Convention

### COWPER NAMED ELECTOR

Lenoir County Chairman Is Honored by Second District Delegates at Raleigh—Dawson Is State Executive Committeeman

(Daily Free Press, April 28)

At the meeting of delegates from the Second district, held in Raleigh Thursday in conjunction with the State Democratic convention, Lenoir County Chairman G. V. Cowper of this city was chosen Presidential elector.

City Attorney John Dawson was named State Executive Committeeman from the district.

Kirby E. Sutton was selected for Lenoir county's member of the Congressional Committee.

The following were named delegates to the National convention from the district: H. G. Connor, Jr., of Wilson; W. O. Howard of Tarboro; Jack Albritton, of Snow Hill and Moses Gilliam of Bertie county. Each will have half a vote in the convention. It is usual for a district to have two delegates, with a vote apiece.

Delegates from this county to the big convention characterized Senator F. M. Simmons' keynote speech, which lasted about two hours, a gem of political oratory. Senator Simmons reviewed the progress of North Carolina under Democratic rule, declaring that in "fifteen short years the State has been raised from the depths of despair to the proud eminence of the most progressive industrial community not only in the South, but in America!"

He dwelt upon the dangers confronting the Commonwealth, "one political and the other financial." He referred to the "Oklahoma decision" with regard to the enfranchisement of the negro voter and the repudiated bonds issued by the irresponsible element of the State's government during the Reconstruction period. "To your tents, O Israel!" he cried.

Branching off to National affairs, he discussed the wisdom and progressive strides of the administration, the tariff, America's growing commerce and position in world trade, the financial system of the administration and other things.

He eulogized the President: "His great mind and his patriotic heart are centered in one great purpose—to know what his duty is and to do it. With this great champion of the people—with this great conservator of peace, this man who through trials and tribulations has thus far steered us clear of war, despite provocation and temptation, as our leader—with

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Convoy Arrives at Marseilles—Number Not Known—Aviators In the Western Theater Active—Germans Shell Towns

(By the United Press) Marseilles, Apr. 28.—A third convoy of Russian troops landed here today. The number is unmentioned.

Paris, Apr. 28.—Numerous air raids, in which German planes, including a fokker, were brought down, have occurred, the war office reported today. A French air squadron dropped eighteen bombs on Lamarche station. The Germans today intermittently bombarded Avoncourt, Esnes and Fromezey.

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

### SHIP SUBMARINED IN OCEAN.

London, Apr. 28.—The British steamer industry has been sunk by a submarine in the Atlantic the admiralty today announced. The crew left in open boats, and were rescued. The vessel was bound American-ward, and was unarmed.

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## BRITISH POPULACE DEMANDS THE DEATH OF SIR ROG. CASEMENT

Man Accused of Starting Irish Rebellion Liable to Trial for Treason

### APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

Sister of Revolutionist Asks Wilson to Endeavor to Save His Life—Situation In Ireland Continues Serious Today

(By the United Press)

London, April 28.—Gen. Sir John Maxwell, hero of the Egyptian war of 1882, arrived "sometime in Ireland" and has assumed immediate command of the troops putting down the rebellion. Both the press and public admit the situation is still very serious. The public is demanding execution of Sir Roger Casement.

Sister Appeals to Wilson to Save Casement.

New York, Apr. 28.—Mrs. Agnes Newman, sister of Sir Roger Casement, will appeal to President Wilson to intercede for his life.

The Maxwell holds leadership in its class. The Daily Free Press is giving away two Maxwell Touring Cars. It will require only six weeks' work to win.

## OBREGON AND TREVINO ARRIVE ON LINE FOR CONFERENCE WITH GENERALS SCOTT AND FUNSTON; MEET JUAREZ AND EL PASO

Big Escort of Troops for Carranzistas—Americans Expected to Arrive Tonight—Believed United States Will Secure Permission for Troops to Remain, Although Obregon Declares He Will Attempt to Secure Withdrawal Immediately—Sessions May Continue Week—First Greeting In Mexican Town, After Which Party Will Probably Cross to El Paso for Remainder of Meetings—Carranza Faces Lot of Trouble

(By H. D. JACOBS, United Press Staff Correspondent)

Pershing's Headquarters, Mexico, April 28.—Villa sympathizers along the Mexican Northwest Railroad are actively engaged in trying to arouse the natives against the American troops, according to wireless reports.

Villa, by the latest reports, is wounded in a leg and his head, and hiding in the mountains of northern Durango. Columns several times have been ambushed by treacherous native guides.

### Obregon and Trevino at Juarez for Conference.

(By E. T. CONKLE, United Press Staff Correspondent)

El Paso, April 28.—Generals Obregon and Trevino, with a big escort of troops arrived at Juarez today for a conference with Generals Scott and Funston.

While Obregon announced that he will attempt to obtain prompt withdrawal of the Villa expedition, officials privately favored their continued presence on Mexican soil, owing to the critical internal situation facing the de facto government.

It is expected that the conference will result in an agreement for the American troops to remain until the Carranza government has a chance to make good Villa's capture and pacification of the northern border States.

Generals Scott and Funston will arrive tonight. The conference is expected to last from a few days to a week. The remaining conferences are expected to be held here.

## BATTLESHIP SINKS IN MEDITERRANEAN; OVER HUNDRED LOST

### TEN THOUSAND PHONE CALLS ON SOME DAYS

Average Number for Kinston Exchange Is 7,000—More Calls Per Phone Than Any Other Town in the Section—Business of Carolina T. & T. Co. Here Grows Faster

(Daily Free Press, April 28)

On some days, according to Manager H. A. Birdsall of the local telephone exchange, the operators at "Central" answer 10,000 calls in the 24 hours, all except a few hundred between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m.

Kinston is the busiest town, relatively, in the territory supplied by the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. That is, there are more calls per "station," or telephone, than on any of the other exchanges. The average of calls per diem is 7,000, or almost 1,000 per operator—more than that number for each day operator by a good bit.

There are 14 less than 1,000 phones tributary to the local "Central." There will be 1,000 by June, even if Manager Birdsall has to hold persons up at the point of a gun to have them installed. That won't be necessary. The service here has grown faster than that in any other town of the 15 on the circuit. The exchange here is third in importance on the circuit now, Wilson and Fayetteville leading. Kinston seemingly is a very unimportant toll town. The income from long distance calls is 100 per cent. less than that of the exchange in little Tarboro. That is because most of the "big" calls are reversed. Exceptional conditions are responsible. For instance, resident buyers for out-of-town cotton concerns nearly always have their messages paid at the other end. Kinston is really as important as a toll center as any town of the lot.

General Manager C. F. McClellan, Traffic Chief J. B. Foster, Construction Superintendent Joe Scotten, Manager David Bell of the Washington exchange and Mr. Jamieson of the Southern Bell headquarters at Atlanta, visited the local central on Thursday night.

You cannot win one of the cars unless you try. The thing to do is to try.

## British "Russell" Struck a Mine—Carried 750 In Crew; 124 Missing—German Submarine Sunk Off Coast of England

London, Apr. 28.—The British battleship Russell has sunk in the Mediterranean, the admiralty today announced. She carried a crew of 750. Her armament was four 12-inch guns, twelve 6-inch and twenty rifles of lesser calibre, with four torpedo tubes. The ship struck a mine. One hundred and twenty-four officers and men are missing.

### German U-Boat Sunk.

London, Apr. 28.—A German submarine was sunk off the east coast of England yesterday, the admiralty today announced. The crew of 18 surrendered.

## OPEN REGISTRATRATION BOOKS FOR PRIMARY

(Daily Free Press, April 28)

The registration books for the June primary were opened today. The two city registrars have their books in the business district. Mr. R. L. Blow, for No. 1 precinct, is at his office on Queen street near the Hotel Tull. Mr. W. L. Holderby, for No. 2, is at the store of Edwards & Harper, 121 West North street.

The registration places on Saturdays, however, will be at the Court-house and the Eagle Warehouse, in the first and second precincts, respectively.

You will want an automobile to enjoy the warm summer nights. This is your opportunity to get one.

The Bridgeton public school closed today.

## SAY FOURTH MILL'N DOLLARS WAS SPENT ON PEACE MESSAGES

Many of Them Forwarded At Straight Commercial Rate, Costing \$4 and \$5—Operators In First of the Week Made \$20 a Day

Washington, Apr. 28.—Telegraph companies estimated today that not less than \$250,000 was spent on the "peace telegrams" which flooded Congress early in this week.

Some operators made \$15 and \$20 a day. Many messages were sent at the straight commercial rate, costing \$4 and \$5 each.

## THIS LIST GIVES THE TOTAL VOTES AS TURNED IN UP TO LAST NIGHT

DISTRICT No. 1.	
Mrs. Susan Dunn, Kinston	3,100
Miss Barbara Emery, Kinston	3,100
Miss Mary Farmer, Kinston	6,700
Miss Bessie Faulkner, Kinston	6,500
Miss Sarah Faulkner, Kinston	68,200
Mrs. Mamie Fitzgerald, Kins.	86,100
Miss Addie Ford, Kinston	5,400
Mrs. Coy Stroud, Kinston	72,100
Miss Barb. Andrews, Kins.	43,800
Miss Bessie Barfield, Kins.	26,100
Mrs. Clara Beeton, Kinston	73,450
Mrs. Katie Bell, Kinston	5,400
Miss Maggie Bissett, Kins.	35,200
Miss Nannie Blackwell, Kins.	80,800
Miss Ada Bostie, Kinston	27,600
Mrs. Henry Bradshaw, Kins.	25,200
ESMrs. M. L. Braswell, Kins.	65,200
Miss Alma Broadhurst, Kins.	49,600
Miss A. L. Broadway, Kinston	5,400
Miss G. V. Broadway, Kins.	17,100
Mrs. Laura Cummings, Kins.	75,450
Marianna LaRoque, Kinston	6,000
Miss Carrie B. Cox, Kinston	55,100
Mrs. F. L. Hooker, Kins.	65,250
J. Colby Abbott, Kinston	60,100
Mrs. W. G. Morris, Kinston	87,700
Miss Katie Brown	38,800
Miss Susie Canady, Kinston	63,450
Miss Lillie B. Cox	24,100
Miss Stella Buck, Kinston	29,700
Elizabeth Copeland, Kinston	55,700
Miss Dora Diamond, Kinston	79,100
Miss Katie Gaylor, Kinston	8,200
Marguerite Goodson, Kinston	19,800
Miss Lena Grady, Kinston	79,500
Miss Lois Grubbs, Kinston	79,300
Miss Alice Hart, Kinston	28,200
Mary Hartford, Kinston	38,100
Miss Prossie Heath, Kinston	61,700
Miss Scotia Holgood, Kins.	17,100
Miss Della Hyatt, Kinston	86,500
Miss Lula Isler, Kinston	28,100
Miss Terry Mitchell, Kinston	24,900
Miss Florence Moore, Kinston	65,600
Miss Annie Nobles, Kinston	87,400
Miss Daisy Outlaw, Kinston	20,700
Miss Eoline Padrick, Kinston	87,600
Miss Fannie Pollock, Kinston	6,000
Miss Roberta Pridden, Kinston	28,800
Miss Mary Prigden, Kinston	48,200
Miss Nannie Randolph, Kins.	48,200
Miss Amanda Rhodes, Kins.	22,000
Miss Lillian Rowe, Kinston	15,500
Miss Lida Lee Rhodes, Kins.	82,300
Miss Annie L. Scott, Kinston	19,100
Miss Ruth Simmons, Kinston	21,000
Miss Rosa Simpson, Kinston	19,100
Miss Nannie Stanley, Kinston	87,400
Miss Annie Stephenson, Kinston	6,000
Miss Maria Sutton, Kinston	67,100
Miss Vana Sutton, Kinston	60,200
Mrs. Nora Taylor, Kinston	34,200
Bessie V. Thornton, Kinston	41,300
Miss Jane Tipton, Kinston	87,700
Miss Myrtle Tucker, Kins.	21,100
Miss Julia Tyndall, Kins.	85,650
Miss Bettie Underhill, Kinston	29,700
Miss Lona D. Weeks, Kinston	83,400
Miss Katie Whiteford, Kins.	70,100
Miss Camille Aldridge, Kins.	27,100
Miss Evelyn Waters, Kinston	87,600
Miss Ella Haskett, Kinston	33,000
Herman Lawson, Kinston	81,600
Mrs. Eva Cummings, Kins.	47,700
Miss Kyle Hargett, Kinston	8,600
Mrs. J. B. Leonard, Kins.	49,200
Miss Verna Hill, Kinston	49,200
Mr. Gordon Eganey, Kinston	82,150

  

DISTRICT No. 2.	
Mrs. M. L. McCullen, Kins.	39,100
Miss Victoria Bursell, Kins.	76,850
Mrs. Claude Smith	87,450
Miss Janie Hardy	86,350
Mr. Phillips Brooks	63,200
Miss Lucy Freeman	68,200
Miss Allie Delle Gaynor	84,700
Mrs. E. A. Best	86,850
Miss Mary Oettinger	28,100
Miss Susan Phillips	20,100
Miss Susan A. Martin	38,200

  

DISTRICT No. 3.	
Mrs. Mabel Barwick, Seven Springs	84,500
Mrs. Emma Barwick, Seven Springs	43,700
Miss Mabel Grady, Seven Springs	62,800
Miss Effie Stroud, Seven Springs	10,900
Miss Gertrude Grady, Seven Springs, R. F. D. No. 1	83,400
Mrs. J. J. Harper, Deep Run	49,100
Mrs. Lulu Blizard, Deep Run	45,800
Mrs. Annie Stroud, Deep Run, R. F. D. No. 2	49,100
Miss Sue Davis, Deep Run, R. F. D. No. 2	68,150
Miss Tiffany Hill, Deep Run, R. F. D. No. 2	74,350
Mrs. Mildred Outlaw, Kenansville	28,600
Miss Jimmie Korngay, Kenansville	81,750
Mrs. Nancy Smith, Kenansville	28,300
Mrs. Mary P. Russell, Fort Barnwell	83,400
Mrs. R. W. Lamb, Fort Barnwell	84,500
Miss Sallie French, Fort Barnwell	28,100
Miss Amy Ruth Joyner, Fort Barnwell	68,750
Miss Sudie Cox, Richards	21,300
Mrs. Jno. R. Shaw, Richards	86,700
Mrs. S. Lee Sadler, Richards	87,100
Mrs. S. Lee Sadler, Richards, R. F. D. No. 2	28,100
Miss Josephine Whaley, Richards, R. F. D. No. 2	49,900
Mrs. R. W. Hill, Comfort, R. F. D. No. 1	25,300
Mrs. Tommie Koonce, Comfort, R. F. D. No. 1	49,900
Miss Edna Eubanks, Comfort, R. F. D. No. 1	44,300
Mrs. L. Pridden, Snow Hill, R. F. D.	28,100
Mrs. Dorothy Bass, Kinston, R. F. D. 2	86,900
Mrs. J. F. Jones, R. F. D., No. 3, Snow Hill	5,600
Mrs. W. H. Hill, R. F. D., No. 3, Snow Hill	41,700
Miss Glenn Suggs, R. F. D. No. 2, Snow Hill	87,700
Miss Lotchen Hill, R. F. D. No. 3, Snow Hill	11,200
Mrs. Clayton Johnson, Ayden, R. F. D. 3	81,050
Miss Lula May Southerland, Albertain	48,500
Miss Emma Grady, Albertain	81,700
Mrs. J. K. Sutherland, Albertain	41,000

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## MRS. W. G. MORRIS HITS THE BULL'S-EYE

Miss Delia Hyatt of Kinston Is Second—Double Incentive to Work Hard This Week

(Daily Free Press, April 28)

The first position, the Bull's-Eye, in the target, remained in the city today. Mrs. W. J. Morris succeeded in hitting the Bull's-Eye and hereby places her name among those few who are worthy of a little distinction for the results attained in regards to the special prizes. Miss Delia Hyatt, also of the city, crowded into second place. The third and fourth position went to the second district, Miss Fleta Marshburn of Dover securing the third place, and Mrs. Jay Shrlu atashrdlu unara Mrs. Jay Smith of Leon the fourth position. Miss Eoline Padrick, who hit the Bull's-Eye on the previous lay, dropped back to fifth position, and Miss Glenn Sugg dropped from fifth position to the eighth. Miss Roberta Aldridge of LaGrange, R. 5, won sixth place, Miss Sadie Waller of Kinston, R. 5, seventh place, and Miss Dorothy Taylor of LaGrange, the ninth.

These nine people are the leaders for the special prizes which are to be awarded next Monday night at 9 o'clock. These people deserve the support of their friends. But there are many others on the list who are near these prizes and also deserve support.

The race for the special prizes will go to the most deserving candidates. That is certain. And the most deserving will have to be decided on what they do the next two days. There is a double incentive this week for the greatest struggle in the contest, as there is the special prizes, and the largest vote offer is also in force. This should be the week that you do most of your work. There will be no more special prizes or extra vote offers of any kind, so do not wait for something better. This is the best.

You must make this the greatest week in your whole campaign. Of that there is no doubt in the minds of the contestants. This week will make every week that has passed look like a mere beginning. This week should produce some leader.

## HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN MAY WALK OUT IN NEW YORK CITY

Great Shipping Strike Now Threatening—Engineers, Longshoremen, Barge-men, Stevedores, Etc., Likely to Quit Monday

New York, Apr. 28.—The greatest strike New York has ever known threatens to start Monday. If complete, the strike would involve longshoremen, barge crews, marine engineers, dockmen and general stevedores. The strike would be the torch that would start an industrial conflagration involving more than a hundred thousand men.

## BRIEFS IN THE NEWS OF NEARBY PLACES

(Daily Free Press, April 28)  
The Irish potato crop in the New Bern section will be 50 per cent. short, the Sun-Journal of that city estimates.  
Contracts are to be let in Green on May 15 for 15,000 yards of concrete sidewalk paving.  
The Greenville Cotton Mills, managed by W. H. Norris, a former Kinstonian, has received another order from South America for 100,000 lbs. of yarn.

## THE DAY ON LOCAL COTTON EXCHANGE

(Daily Free Press, April 28)

About 30 bales of cotton were sold here today. Prices ranged from 10 5-8 to 11 5-8.

New York futures quotations were:

Open	2:40
May	11.95
July	12.11
October	12.29
December	12.46
January	12.51