

## Mexican Negotiations Ended; Militia Called

### NATIONAL GUARDSMEN OF THREE BORDER STATES CALLED; OBREGON WANTS TIME LIMIT; SITUATION IS ADMITTEDLY SERIOUS

#### Seven Americans Escape From Raiders After Overpowering Guards; Bring Three Mexicans Back With Them—New Mexico, Arizona and Texas Add More Than 5,000 to Frontier Army—Mexican Ambassador Pleads for More Adequate Protection—Agitator From Other Side of Line Responsible for Raids, Declares; Fears Others Coming—Final Conference Will Determine If Obregon Will Back Down, Washington Says

(By the United Press)

Washington, May 9.—Scott's messages to Secretary Baker say the conference with Obregon is probably ended, and that efforts to obtain an agreement have been shattered. Official today said the situation was bad.

#### May Be One Last Conference.

Washington, May 9.—Obregon demands a time limit on the stay of the Americans in Mexico. America will refuse to the limit, it was decided at the cabinet meeting. This government's policy will be to continue to refuse. Scott and Obregon are expected to have another conference. This will determine whether they can agree.

#### Daring Americans Escape; Bring Guards.

Marathon, Texas, May 9.—Seven Americans captured by the Mexican raiders overpowered their guards, and escaped to the American side, bringing three Mexican captives, say dispatches.

#### Scott's Messages Cause Militia to Be Called.

Washington, May 9.—For the first time since the late Spanish-American war, the President today called for State militia to assist regulars in an international crisis. The militiamen of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas were called. They are to be used for patrol duty on the border, consequently action by Congress will be unnecessary.

The militiamen will add 5,360 officers and men, fully armed and equipped to the American forces. Besides ordering the militia out, four regiments of regular infantry were ordered to the border from Plattsburg, N. Y.; Madison Barracks, N. Y.; Vancouver, Wash., and Fort Lawton, Wash.

The decision to call the militia followed a conference between the President and Secretary Baker, after Baker had received two long code messages from General Funston.

Announcing the decision, Secretary Baker declared it meant an unchanged policy toward Mexico. General Funston was authorized to dispose of the militia and regulars in his discretion. The militia will be available for use in Mexico if necessary. It would require action by Congress, however. There are now eighteen thousand regulars in Mexico, and ten thousand on the border. If the militia were sent into Mexico, they would have to be enrolled as volunteers.

While the militia order was being issued, Mexican Ambassador Arredondo was urging Secretary Lansing to strengthen the border patrol, saying that was the only way to prevent further raids. He said the Glenn Springs raid was planned and executed on this side of the border, and that several towns were selected to be the objects of future raids. I. Villareal, a Mexican agitator, was the leader of this movement, Arredondo said.

#### Interventionists Active On Border.

El Paso, May 9.—Working unseen, interventionists are active all along the border, striving mightily to upset the Scott-Obregon negotiations for a solution of the Mexico situation. While Mexican authorities suspected today that European interventionists had prior knowledge that the Glenn Springs raid would be made, there was a distinct suspicion here that the guiding force lay nearer to home.

### GUARD YOUR POSITION; LEADERS IN DANGER

Guard your position well on this last lap of the great race. The leaders of the two districts have changed practically every day for the past week, and you cannot afford to slow up a bit this last week.

On Saturday night, May 13th, The Daily Free Press' great Golden Festival will close, the count will be made, and the winners will be declared by the judges, who will be selected from the representative men of this community. The announcement of the names of the judges will be made in Thursday's issue of The Free Press.

At that time will you be a winner? This week will tell, so work as you never have worked before, and don't stop until the final closing hour of 9 o'clock next Saturday night.

#### Rules and Conditions of the Closing Day of Great Contest

#### Rules for the Closing.

1. The contest will close promptly at 9 o'clock in the evening, Saturday of this week, the 13th. The closing hour will not be extended for one minute after 9 o'clock under any circumstances.

2. No money will be accepted for votes unless accompanied by subscriptions to the Daily or Semi-Weekly Free Press, and of such length that conforms to the rules of the contest.

3. No personal checks will be accepted by the Contest Manager in payment for subscriptions on Saturday, the closing day. If you get any checks, have them made out to yourself and have them cashed.

4. Be sure that you have all of your reserve votes in the ballot box not later than 9 o'clock in the evening.

5. The last count of the votes will be made by the Contest Manager on Wednesday night and the results printed in The Free Press on Thursday. The ballot box will be immediately sealed and locked after this count, and the keys delivered to the chairman of the judicial committee.

6. The final count will be made by three disinterested business men of Kinston. The names of the judges will be printed in The Free Press on Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

These judges will break the seal of the ballot box and begin the count as soon as possible after 9 o'clock on Saturday night. The judges will proceed to count all of the reserve votes that they find in the ballot box and will then add their total to the total count made by the contest manager as shown by the standing on the list printed on Thursday. The result of this count will be the basis on which they will award the prizes according to the rules of the contest.

7. If there is in your mind and mistake in the count of the contest manager as appearing in the paper on Thursday, you must notify the contest manager not later than 5 o'clock on Friday. Failure to notify the contest manager will be considered absolute legal acknowledgment that the final count is correct up to that time.

8. Do not trust to the mails the last day to bring in your reserve votes or any late subscriptions. Everything to count in this contest must be in the contest manager's office promptly at nine o'clock, Western Union Time, Saturday night, May 13th.

9. Do not ask for any inside information in regard to the standing of any of the contestants, for none will be given under any circumstances. No one knows anything about the standing of any contestant but the contestant in question. All of the contestants will receive the same and impartial treatment that has been the feature of this contest. All prizes will be awarded strictly on the merits of the contest.

10. The last day of the contest, (Continued on Page Three)



HON. CLINGMAN MITCHELL, CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE

### MR. MITCHELL SPOKE FOURTH OFFENSIVE HERE MONDAY NIGHT AT VERDUN PROVING INTEREST CAMPAIGN COSTLY TO GERMANS

#### Greeted by Representative Audience—His Candidacy Protest at Arrogance of Present Congressman. At LaGrange Tonight

Hon. Clingman W. Mitchell of Aulander, Bertie county, addressed a representative audience of Kinston voters at the Courthouse Monday night in the interest of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination from the Second Congressional district to succeed Hon. Claude Kitchin, majority floor leader of the House.

Hon. N. J. Rouse introduced Mr. Mitchell and spoke of his long acquaintance and admiration for him. Mr. Rouse told of the substantial creative work that Mr. Mitchell had done in the interest of church, school and the material welfare of his section. A farmer, banker, merchant, man of affairs and honest citizen, was Mr. Rouse's characterization and introduction of Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell did not make an extended speech, nor one which might be classed as a typical political address. He took occasion to speak favorably of the progress of the section and growth and prosperity that was in evidence here, and assured his hearers that he did not come to speak disparagingly of Mr. Kitchin or to criticize him for having his own opinions. He said that he was not an office seeker, that he much preferred remaining in private life, but that he had yielded to what he thought was an insistent demand for a protest to be voiced against the attitude of Mr. Kitchin during the past two years toward the essential administration policies. He did not think that the opposition of Mr. Kitchin to the plans as outlined by President Wilson in carrying out the party pledges met with the approval of the people of the district. He admitted that there probably were many voters in the district who would vote for Mr. Kitchin simply because of the high place that he had attained in the House, and that in spite of their disapproval of his attitude they would support him. Mr. Mitchell referred to a statement printed in the Greensboro News soon after his candidacy had been announced in which the Washington correspondent of the News had said that he was authoritatively informed that the White House looked with disfavor upon

#### Crown Prince Has Lost 10,000 Since It Commenced Day Before Yesterday—Prisoners Confirm Belief of New Drive On City

Paris, May 9.—The German Crown Prince has lost ten thousand in dead and wounded since he renewed the Verdun drive. German prisoners today confirmed the belief of the French officials that the present violent assault's northwest of Verdun constitute a fourth great attack on the fortress.

any effort to dislodge the majority leader at the present time, and said that he had consulted with a close friend of Mr. Kitchin at once, and said to him that if such report could be sustained by credible information from the White House that he would immediately withdraw from the race. He had no object in antagonizing the administration of President Wilson, and he still stood ready to withdraw if it could be shown him that he was embarrassing the President in his candidacy against Mr. Kitchin. Whether the people of the Second district showed their disapproval of the work of Mr. Kitchin on June 30, or not, and whether he himself was nominated, the protest had already had its effect on the attitude of Mr. Kitchin he declared, and he claimed that the district would be even more benefited because Mr. Kitchin would be forced to recognize the will of the people and yield his own views to those of his constituents. If Mr. Kitchin was re-nominated and continued his domineering and arbitrary course, there would be further protest two years hence, he predicted.

Mr. Mitchell closed his remarks by calling attention to the argument of Mr. Kitchin in the fight for his brother against Mr. Simmons, in which he asked for support for his brother on the ground that the State must send a man to Washington who would support President Wilson. Mr. Simmons, he said, was doing the very thing that Mr. Kitchin said he would not do, and that Mr. Kitchin was doing just what he had criticized Mr. Simmons for and predicted that he, Mr. Simmons, would do if entrusted with another term. This point was considered by many as the most forceful that Mr. Mitchell made.

### UNARMED FREIGHTER SUBM'RIN'D; SUNK OFF IRISH COAST TODAY; GERMANY MAY HAVE GOT HERSELF IN BAD WITH THE U. S.

#### White Star Liner Cymric, of 13,000 Tons, Goes to Bottom—110 Persons On Board Saved—No Passengers—Had Been In British Admiralty Service, But Restored to Company Some Weeks Ago, Line Officials Assert—Crew Being Landed This Afternoon—Vessel Carried Big Cargo of Munitions—Washington Uncertain Yet If Newly-Made Pledges of Imperial Government Were Violated—Expert Says Warning Due Ship

(By the United Press)

London, May 9.—The 13,000-ton White Star liner, Cymric, was torpedoed yesterday by a German submarine. She sunk at 3 o'clock this morning while attempting to make her way into an Irish port.

All of the 110 officers and men of the crew were saved, said a Lloyds dispatch from Queenstown. No passengers were aboard. The ship carried a huge cargo of munitions.

#### Official Washington Expresses No Official Opinion.

Washington, May 9.—Fear that the sinking of the White Star liner Cymric would upset the settlement of the American dispute with Germany over the submarine warfare just as the settlement was becoming a fact was dissipated by a dispatch from Consul Frost at Queenstown, saying the Cymric was on Admiralty service.

State Department officials are uncertain if the torpedoing did not constitute a violation of the pledges. One department expert said that if the Cymric was unarmed the Germans ought to have visited and searched her, unless the vessel fled. Even if the ship was in government service, he said, it did not entirely excuse Germany. Governments are permitted to run unarmed ships and ask for the right of visit and search, he said.

#### Was In Service of Company, Say Owners.

New York, May 9.—The White Star Line today denied that the Cymric was in Admiralty service. Officials said she was being used as a freighter. She was withdrawn several weeks ago from the Admiralty service. They said the ship was requisitioned early in the war, but later restored to the line.

#### Crew Being Put Ashore.

London, May 9.—The Liverpool American consul wired this afternoon that the crew of the Cymric is being landed in Bantry Bay, Ireland.

### TRY FOUR NEGROES FOR ALLEGED THEFT OF AN AUTOMOBILE

(Daily Free Press, May 9)  
Willie Blizzard, Pete Colie, Hamp Hargett and James Joyner, colored were tried in the Recorder's Court today for the temporary larceny of an automobile owned by Chas. Hatch, colored. The quartet were arrested near Emporia, Va., and the machine, claimed to have been damaged some, returned.

All were discharged save Blizzard. Judgment in his case was withheld until Wednesday morning. Colie, Hargett and Joyner claimed that they hired Blizzard to drive them to Virginia.

### POOLROOM MEN ASSERT BEST PATRONAGE GOES ONLY TO CLEAN PLACES

(Daily Free Press, May 9)  
Poolroom proprietors here declare they will petition City Council to make licenses contain a clause that in the event gambling is found to be practiced in any such place the license will be revoked. To "elevate" the amusement is the purpose. They want as high a class of patronage as possible, the proprietors intending to appeal to Council assert, and this cannot be had in a place under suspicion. They will ask constant police supervision.

### CHURCH MEMBER HAS OPPORTUNITY HERE

(Daily Free Press, May 9)  
The church member for "his say" about a good opportunity for "his say" about the worship next Wednesday night in the Gordon Street Christian church. The topic for the prayermeeting will be, "What Elements in the Public

### SAW SPIRIT OF HUSTLE IN KINSTON

Durham's Mayor Expresses Thanks for Hospitality Extended Carolina Municipal Association Here—We'll All Be Royally Treated If We Go to His City, Declares Mr. Skinner

The following letter to The Free Press from Mayor Benjamin S. Skinner of Durham explains itself: "I have written to the Mayor of your good city expressing my appreciation of the hospitality extended to us during our eighth annual convention of the Carolina Municipal Association, which met with you last

last week. At the same time I wanted to let you know directly of my appreciation of your cordial welcome and liberal hospitality.

"Kinston seems to have taken on new life during the past few years, and I could see nothing but the signs of thrift, energy and progress among your people in every particular. I was very much impressed with your beautiful streets, and see no reason why such adequate pavement should not be a great asset to the City of Kinston.

"You and the good people of your progressive municipality are always welcome in Durham. With kind regards, I am,

"Yours very truly,  
"B. S. SKINNER,  
"Mayor."

Worship Are Most Helpful to Me?" This will afford opportunity for emphasis upon what is helpful and also what is not. Each member is asked to think about the topic and come prepared to have a part by suggestions or joining in the discussion.

Mr. C. C. Howard will lead the meeting and prepare the way for full and free discussion. The pastor will welcome any suggestion for enrichment of the service.

### FUNERAL DIRECTORS MEET AT GOLDSBORO

(Special to The Free Press)  
Goldsboro, May 10.—The annual convention of the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalmers will be commenced here this evening, to continue through Thursday morning. There will be nothing mournful about the session, the advance guard, arriving today, declare.

### ANOTHER DAY WITH NO SALES OF COTTON

(Daily Free Press, May 9)  
No cotton was sold here today. De-liveries were 12 bales at 12 cents. New York futures quotations were:  
May .. 12.66 12.88  
July .. 12.76 12.98  
October .. 12.92 13.15  
December .. 13.05 13.32  
January .. 13.09 13.35