

Carranza Bends to America; Danger of Conflict Passes!

Reply to Washington Respectful; Indicates Desire to Avoid Break

PERSHING RETIRING TO BORDER FOR THE PURPOSE OF WITHDRAWAL, SAY EL PASO REPORTS; MEDIATION PROPOSAL PLANNED

Mexican Ambassador So Confident of Peaceable Settlement that He Leaves Washington for a Picnic—First Chief Himself Wrote Note—Conditions Bad, Admitted, But Continued Presence American Soldiers Has No Good Effect, Says—Message Not to Be Delivered to Lansing. Until Wednesday—Bolivian Minister Expected to Suggest Mediation to Secretary of State—Ardor of Troops Is Not Dampened

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 4.—Carranza's reply was received today at the Mexican embassy. It is conciliatory and probably will avert war. It will be delivered tomorrow to Lansing by Arredondo.

The note was written by Carranza himself. It suggests either mediation or direct negotiations for the settlement of the differences. The United States is asked to describe its view of mediation.

Carranza admits border conditions are bad but says the presence of American troops in Mexico is a source of irritation. He makes no demand for the withdrawal of the American troops. The Mexican embassy is sure the note will be entirely satisfactory to Wilson.

Arredondo today left the city with his staff for a picnic, convinced that all danger of war is past. Bolivian Minister Gets Busy for Peace.

Washington, July 4.—After delivery of Carranza's note to Lansing the Bolivian Minister is expected to submit a mediation proposal to the Secretary.

Pershing's Men Retiring to Border.

El Paso, July 4.—Couriers reaching here from Colonia Dublan say Pershing's expedition is to be withdrawn from Mexico. The Seventh and Eleventh cavalries are crossing the desert to the border.

The report of the withdrawal did not dampen the ardor of the Fourth of July celebration of regulars and militiamen on the border.

SECOND INFY. BAND WILL SEND BUT ONE OF TWENTY-NINE HOME

Makes Best Average of Any Unit at Camp Glenn—Edenton Company Loses Only 20—Joshua Allen Rejected Musician

(By F. T. McDevett.)

Camp Glenn, July 4.—The Second Infantry band, from Kinston, passed the medical examination late yesterday with the loss of only one man out of the 29 enrolled. He was Sergeant Joshua Allen. Sergeant Allen was too light. This, I believe, without consulting statistics, is the best record made by any unit of either regiment in camp here. The examination for bandmen is supposed to be identical the same as for line men.

The band, however, stood to lose one man, anyway. The regulations restrict bands to 28 men. This band had one extra.

Company I of Edenton, Second Infantry, also passed handsomely with

NIGHT RIDERS RAZE FENCES AND SHOOT UP HOMES IN DUPLIN

State and District Authorities Get Down Behind Organized Gang

ARE ARMED AND MASKED

Stock Law Opponents Vent Wrath on Adherents—Party Formed for Resistance—General Sentiment Against Band

(Daily Free Press—July 4)

Night riders, masked and armed, are terrorizing a section of Duplin county not far from Beulaville, on a rail line southward from Kinston. They are organized and reckless, though few in number.

Houses have been shot up, fences destroyed and sinister threats made.

The small loss of 20 men. Few if any companies have done as well.

JUDGE BOND HEAR'G CASES AGAINST TWO ALLEGED LYNCHERS

People Have No Right to Take Law In Their Own Hands, He Declares

A SENSATION IS SPRUNG

Anonymous Letter Supposed to Contain Threat—Hearing Started This Afternoon—Jailer Allen On the Stand

(Daily Free Press—July 4)

Judge W. M. Bond of Edenton called court to order about 2:40 p. m., Tuesday, for hearing evidence against alleged lynchers of Joe Black in April. Judge Bond, as reported in The Free Press Monday, is sitting as a committing magistrate.

Judge Bond briefly announced the purpose of the hearing to ferret out those who were responsible for the lynching. He denounced lynching and said it was unnecessary for people to take the law into their own hands for crimes which any court would punish quickly and adequately. He said he expected to continue the investigation until the facts were known. The full authority and power of the State would be invoked to bring all necessary witnesses.

First Sensation Sprung.

Judge Bond told of the receipt of an anonymous letter typewritten, mailed Monday in Kinston, addressed to Solicitor Shaw, the contents of which he did not divulge, but it is presumed that it was of a threatening character. Judge Bond announced that the author of the letter was not definitely known, but that everything would be done to find the author. He thereupon offered a reward of \$50 for information leading to the placing of the responsibility. Witnesses Sworn.

At the conclusion of the Judge's remarks the witnesses were sworn and Sam Stocks, the first of the defendants.

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Trouble Over Fence Law.

The fence law is the cause for the night riders' activity. It is in force in Duplin, although the majority of the population is now known to be opposed to it. The masked riders are men opposed to the law, and their wrath is directed to adherents.

Judge O. H. Allen of this city states that news of the band's depredations reached him while he was in Duplin county last week. A considerable area is being overrun by the riders. The majority of the population is frowning on the band's work, Judge Allen declares.

Authorities Get Busy.

State officials and Solicitor Shaw have been notified of the situation.

Jonas Brown, whose house was shot up "outrageously," has organized his neighbors into a squad for defense and openly defied the night riders. Brown is stated to be "quiet but desperate." He will shoot to kill, he states.

Men acquainted with the situation say it is bad.

DIFFICULTY CAN BE SETTLED IF CANDOR AND PATIENCE USED

Says President Wilson In Fourth of July Address at Washington

WILSON MUST HAVE HELP

Of People, Says Gompers—A. F. of L. Building Dedicated by Chief Executive. Labor Is Not Commodity, Says

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 4.—President Wilson after reviewing the parade of labor unions today spoke at the dedication of the new home of the American Federation of Labor here. Evidently referring to the Mexican situation, Mr. Wilson said "Patience, candor and a desire to get together constitute the solution of all difficulties. In the position I occupy," he said, "I am not at liberty to think of any one class to the exclusion of other classes. Hence I am going to take the liberty of dedicating this building to common counsel and common understanding."

President Samuel Gompers was wildly cheered by the crowd of 10,000 persons when he said the people must help the President to keep out of war with any nations.

President Wilson, speaking of the Clayton anti-trust law, said he was sorry the judges had to be taught that labor was not a commodity.

CLEVELAND DEDICATES FINE NEW CITY HALL

(By the United Press) Cleveland, July 4.—Cleveland's new city hall, costing \$2,900,000 was formally dedicated today. The huge structure, overlooking Lake Erie, is a part of the small group of civic buildings. The exterior is of limestone.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press) FORECASTS INDISCRIMINATE SUBMARINING.

Copenhagen, July 4.—Germany is to embark on a policy of indiscriminate submarine, Captain Perisus, a German naval critic, writes in the Berlin Tageblatt.

WINSTON APPOINTED TO SUCCEED JUDGE PEEBLES IN THIRD

Former Judge Goes Back On Superior Court Bench, It Is Announced

A LEADING CAROLINIAN

Was Defeated by Man Whose Place He Takes—Has Been District Attorney In Eastern Federal District in State

(Special to The Free Press)

Raleigh, July 4.—Governor Craig late yesterday announced that former Judge Francis R. Winston, now U. S. District Attorney for the Eastern District, had been appointed Judge of the Third Judicial District, to succeed the late Judge R. B. Peebles, who died in Norfolk last week.

Judge Peebles defeated Judge Winston for re-election in 1902. Judge Winston has served in both houses of the General Assembly, is famous in the State as a public orator, is a member of several legal and historical organizations, prominent in fraternal order circles, and has been active in politics many years.

KING OF SPAIN GIVES BULL-FIGHTING A BLOW

Madrid, July 4.—King Alfonso, a keen advocate of horse racing, is taking advantage of the European war to popularize the sport in Spain. Spanish bull-fighting, like American baseball, now the national pastime, will have a rival within a few years if the people take kindly to the King's efforts. He has purchased three English two-year-olds and has entered into competition with the Duke of Toledo, Spain's leading horse fancier.

GOAT ROPING CONTEST IN TEXAS CELEBRATION

San Angelo, Texas, July 4.—San Angelo's goat got loose today and skidded around the town common pursued by a band of yelping, lariat-swinging cowboys in the newest Fourth of July stunt. The goat-roping contest enlisted cattlemen from the surrounding country and money that wasn't wagered on the horse races was placed on the chase for William G.

SOLDIERS' FAMILIES NEED AID; KINSTON INVITED TO ASSIST DEPENDENTS OF MEN OFF ON COUNTRY'S DUTY; URGENT CASES

The committee for the relief of the families of the men called for military service has made a thorough canvass, visiting the home of each family and ascertaining the exact status of each. About fifteen families have been found, which will likely have to be assisted by the community, several of these are now in distress and the need for immediate assistance is urgent. As announced when the committee was appointed, it is not the purpose at this time at least to make any canvass. Voluntary contributions will be depended upon and the committee urges that these be made at once.

Contributions may be made through Mr. E. G. Barrett, chairman of the committee, Mr. C. F. Harvey, secretary, Mr. D. F. Wooten, treasurer or the newspapers, which have been designated by the committee to receive for transmission to the committee and all contributions.

The Free Press will be glad to have such contributions reported and left at its office.

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ALLIES HAVE WRESTED FIFTY SQ. MILES OF FRENCH TERRITORY FROM GERMANS IN THREE DAYS OF OFFENSIVE, IT IS CLAIMED

Made Some Progress Monday Night—British Captured a Town But Were Driven Out of It, War Office Admits—Teutons Concentrating to Protect Important Railroad Center Threatened by Anglo-French—Russians Take a Thousand Prisoners in Big Battle Raging in East—Leopold With Hundred Thousand Men Attempting to Hold Back Slav Advance In Swampy Region Near Baranovstch, Says Petrograd Report to London

(By the United Press)

London, July 4.—In seventy-two hours of fighting the Allies have wrested nearly 50 square miles of French territory from the Kaiser's army. Some progress was made last night by the Anglo-French forces.

The British war office announces that English troops captured the fortified village of Thiepval, but were later driven out by Germans.

The Germans are concentrating troops to defend the railway town of Peronne.

A Petrograd dispatch says General Brusiloff has captured a thousand prisoners and five machine guns from the Austro-Germans near Hokal. An intense battle is raging near Baranovstch, where Prince Leopold of Bavaria has 100,000 men strung out in this line along a marshy region.

GIRL A SUICIDE IN HOME WEALTHY NEW YORK'R; YOUTH HELD

"Teddy" Roberts Was Seeker of Bright Lights—Police Won't Take the Story That Boy Found Her Dead

(By the United Press)

New York, July 4.—"Teddy" Roberts, an orphan girl who sought the white lights of Broadway to escape loneliness, was found dead from gas asphyxiation today in the home of Charles E. Lister, a wealthy commission merchant of Brooklyn. Lister's 21-year-old son, William, entertained three girls, including Miss Roberts, and three boy chums at a week-end party.

The police are not satisfied with young Lister's story that he discovered the girl dead in bed after smelling gas. Lister is under arrest on a homicide charge.

The girl was nineteen years old, with relatives in Johnstown, N. Y.

AMERICA'S GIRL CHAMP. SWIMMERS IN CONTEST

San Francisco, July 4.—Swimmers from New York and many other Eastern cities competed here today in the first national girls' championship 100-yard swim. The competition is under the auspices of the A. A. U. The annual P. A. A. championships are being contested at the same time.

OVERZEALOUS TROOPS HIRED OWN PULLMANS; WILL GOVERNMENT PAY?

(By the United Press)

Baltimore, July 4.—The First Infantrymen who were so anxious to get to Texas that they hired their own Pullmans now are wondering whether Uncle Sam will pay the bill.

FINAL ACTION POOLROOM QUESTION ON WED. NIGHT, MAYBE

Council, With Members Absent, Would Not Act Monday Night—Both Sides Prepared Against Surprise—Petitions "For"

(Daily Free Press—July 4)

City Council at a regular meeting Monday night did not take expected action on the poolroom question. Petitions bearing 300 names were presented favoring the poolrooms, but a strong delegation of "antis" was present to offset these. Council curtailed the meeting because there were members absent and it was desired to have the full Council to act upon the more important business at hand, and because of threatening weather.

Another meeting, at which the poolroom matter will probably come up, will be held Wednesday night.

Council refused to allow ice-cream peddlers the use of the sidewalks, passed a resolution requiring paving in front of all garages in front of which automobiles are allowed to stand, formally authorized the paving of McLewann street from Blount street to Park avenue, which had been tentatively agreed upon, and decided to have the police enforce the State law against persons under 16 years of age driving automobiles.

About \$21,000 was the estimate for the total expended on municipal improvements in the preceding month reported.

FAYETTEVILLE NEGRO ROBBED AND MURDERED

Fayetteville, July 3.—Sidney McQueen, a well known negro of this city, was found dead, apparently choked to death in his bed at his restaurant at Hay and Winslow streets this morning. One hundred and fifty dollars which McQueen had in his room is gone. There is no clue, so far, to the identity of the slayer.