

# CARRANZA NOT DEFIANT IN THE REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE; ONLY STATES MEXICANS' SIDE OF CASE

**REPORTED ON GOOD AUTHORITY THAT THE FIRST CHIEF DOES NOT SEEK TO ENRAGE UNITED STATES BY IN SOLENCE IN CRISIS**

**Message Not Had This Afternoon—Friends of De Facto President Certain That Reports of His Stubbornness Are Overrated—Will Try to Convince Washington That Sovereignty of Southern Republic Is Infringed by Maintenance of Foreign Army Within Its Bounds—Pershing, Almost Surrounded by Mexican Army, May Get Six Thousand More Men Within a Week—Ten Thousand Militiamen Expected to Arrive Today**

Washington, July 1.—Contrary to messages in certain diplomatic quarters, advices to Carranza's American friends today indicated that he will not adopt a defiant attitude in this coming note answering the United States' demands.

He instead emphasizes what he considers infringement of Mexican sovereignty by the presence of American troops.

A United Press informant who has been correct heretofore, today indicated that he will not bring about any breach.

Foreign Minister Aguilar's defiant statement issued in Mexico City yesterday is regarded as solely for Mexican consumption. The reply had not arrived early this afternoon.

**Pershing Soon to Be Reinforced.**

El Paso, July 1.—Before the end of the coming week there will be twenty-five thousand guardsmen from here to Columbus, releasing 6,000 regulars to reinforce Pershing. The advance guard of the militia, ten thousand strong, is expected today. With the regulars released, Pershing will have seventeen thousand men in Mexico, about one-third the number of Carranzistas concentrated in horseshoe formation about Pershing.

## TO GIVE ALLEGED LYNCHERS OF JOSEPH BLACK HEARING BEFORE SUPERIOR CO'RT JUDGE IN THIS CITY ON TUESDAY MORNING

**"Dozens" Said to Be Charged With Murder of Negro Who Was Lynched in Greene County In April—Not Trial But Commitment Proceedings—Craig Says He Don't Think It Will Be Necessary to Send Troops to Kinston—Special Officer In Greene With Many Warrants to Be Served This Afternoon—Complete Surprise to Kinston and Snow Hill Officials—Not Likely Jury Trial of Accused Would Be Staged Here**

(By the United Press)  
(Daily Free Press—July 3)  
Raleigh, July 3.—There was a sensation here today following the issuance of bench warrants for alleged members of an alleged Greene and Lenoir county mob that lynched Joe Black near Kinston.

Judge W. M. Bond of Edenton will take evidence in a preliminary trial of "dozens" of alleged lynchers of Joe Black here Tuesday morning. It was admitted by officials today that Richard Stroud, a former Kinston policeman, had gone to Greene county to serve bench warrants on the accused. It is intended for Judge Bond to hear evidence and commit the men to jail or bail to await trial by jury.

The news came as a complete surprise to local officials today. Sheriff Taylor had heard nothing of it. Sheriff Williams at Snow Hill was surprised. Both officials think the hearing will prove a bubble. Sheriff Williams at Snow Hill was surprised. Both officials think the hearing will prove a bubble. Williams declared he believes it almost impossible to secure a word of evidence against any member of the mob who took Black from the jail here early in April, carried him into Greene county and shot him to death. The Greensboro Daily News this morning carried a story about the coming hearing, stating that Black was lynched in Kinston. Sheriff Taylor reiterated oft-expressed belief that such was not the case, but that the old ne-

gro—who paid the penalty for upholding his son, an assault fiend, with his life—was put out of the way in Greene county.

**Shaw Won't Talk.**  
Solicitor Shaw today declined to be interviewed about the hearing. He said, however, that it was not reasonable to suppose that the warrants would be issued unless evidence was at hand. He did not say how many had been charged.

"More amazed than they are not on earth," said the Greensboro paper's story, referring to the accused men. But since the warrants are not to be served until this afternoon it is safe to assume that there won't be any surprises until several hours from this writing.

**Craig Doesn't Think Troops Necessary.**

Governor Craig at Raleigh told the Daily News representative there that he did not suppose any troops would be needed here for the hearing. The News' story wound up by saying that it is improbable that the trial by jury of the men "would be conducted either in Greene or Lenoir counties, where the feeling against the Blacks has naturally been so bitter and where naturally enough sympathy for the men who have been ordered arrested would be stronger than in counties where lynchings have not taken place. The hearing Tuesday is not a trial of men under indictment but a commitment."

## PRESIDENT PUTTING MEXICAN POLICY UP FOR CAMPAIGN ISSUE

**Squarely Confronting Political Opponents; Nothing Secret About Stand**

### WAR ONLY IF NECESSARY

**But If It Is Necessary Wilson Won't Shirk It—Rather Than Withdraw the Forces, He Will Have Them Increased**

By Robert J. Bender,  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, July 1.—President Wilson has taken his Mexican policy for a campaign issue and put it up to his political opponents.

This is the opinion of political and official Washington in view of his Philadelphia and New York speeches, which showed unmistakably that he would not countenance a war with Mexico except as the extreme resort in settling the border troubles.

However, he makes it plain that no step will be omitted in complete preparation for the worst while hoping for the best.

Those close to the President are convinced that the Pershing expedition will not be withdrawn. The forces on the border are to be steadily and rapidly increased.

## WILL OPEN KINSTON TOBACCO MARKET ON THE 15TH OF AUGUST

**Greenville and Wilson Are Expected to Follow Suit. Five Warehouses to Do Business Here—Crop Is Reported Short**

(Daily Free Press—July 1)  
on Tuesday, August 15, it was announced today. The Tobacco Board of Trade declined to accept a proposition from Rocky Mount tobaccoists to delay the opening until September 1. It was believed the Rocky Mount men wanted time in which to buy on the South Carolina markets.

Greenville and Wilson will start the season on the 15th, it is thought here. There will be five warehouses, including a new one erected this summer on East Lenoir avenue, to do business on the local market.

The crop in the Kinston section is a little off, according to warehousemen's reports. They say there has been too much rain.

## WAGONLOAD CIGARETTE BOX FRONTS, COUPONS

(Daily Free Press—July 3)  
Enabled Engineer to Win Motorcycle Given by Tobacco Company in Contest Here—W. A. Rawles Had 800 Pounds of Valuable Paper and Cardboard on the Last Day  
W. A. Rawles, an A. C. L. engineer, won the motorcycle given in a contest conducted by the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. here which, extending over an extended period, came to a close Saturday at noon.

Mr. Rawles is believed to have a majority of easily 300,000 votes, although it will be a week or longer before the official count is reported. He led by a big majority long before the contest closed, and on the final day had as many as all other candidates combined, apparently. Railroad men, of course, helped their general comrade in the competition.  
On the final day Engineer Rawles had a wagonload—800 pounds—of cigarette box fronts, coupons, etc., counting as votes.

## ADMINISTRATION NOT INCLINED TO PRESS FIRST CHIEF FOR AN ANSWER, ACCORDING TO STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT TODAY

**Believed Government Has Knowledge That De Facto President Desires Peace and Is Willing to Do All He Can to Adjust Matters—No Action for Few Days Unless "Sinister Developments"—Readjustment Military Affairs; Wood May Be Appointed to Command Armies Mobilizing on Border—National Guard Regiments Pouring Into Texas and Other Frontier States Today—Public Not Informed of Stations of Soldiers**

(By Carl Groat)

Washington, July 3.—For the moment the Administration won't press Carranza to answer the American demands for a statement on his attitude toward Mexican-American relations, the State Department today announced, saying the situation is in statu quo for the present, especially in view of the relief of the tension by Carranza releasing the American prisoners.

Secretary Lansing insisted there has been no change regarding the American forces in Mexico. This announcement is interpreted as meaning that this government has secret assurances that Carranza will adjust the situation if given time. Indications are that America will wait upon Carranza unless sinister developments occur below the border.

**Wood May Command on Border.**

Washington, July 3.—The War Department today announced the division of the Southern Department into three sections, under the respective commands of Major-General Funston, Major-General Bell and Brigadier-General Pershing. It is believed the readjustment is preliminary to appointing Major-General Leonard Wood, now commanding the Eastern Department, to supreme command on the border.

**May Be Days Yet Before Carranza Replies.**

Mexico City, July 3.—The foreign office is unable to make definite announcement when Carranza's reply to the last American demands will be made. It may be several days yet.

**Militiamen's Whereabouts Secret.**

El Paso, July 3.—Eastern militiamen poured into the border country today and were immediately sent to censored stations. The men generally are in good shape despite the terrific heat.

**War Department Optimistic.**

Washington, July 3.—Mexican matters appeared to the State Department today to be shaping satisfactorily, but there still remained to be had the important reply to the American demands for Carranza's statement of his attitude. While optimism was the keynote at the War Department, the army continued hastily preparing for any eventualities.

### CROWN PRINCE RENEWS DRIVE.

Paris, July 1.—The Crown Prince has resumed the Verdun drive with most powerful attacks on both the Meuse banks. The Germans again have penetrated the Thiaumont works captured by the French yesterday. The French retain the outskirts.

## BROCK HAD IT EASY IN SECOND PRIMARY IN DIST. SATURDAY

**Will Be Democratic Candidate for Senator Along With Col. Pollock of Kinston—Webb Made a Poor Show**

Returns from Saturday's senatorial run-off primary in the Seventh district are not yet complete. They may be tonight or Tuesday. Isolated precincts in several counties have not been heard from. Furnifold Brock, however, had a landslide majority out of the small vote polled; that much is certain. He carried all counties with the exception of Carteret, in which his opponent, Paul Webb, lives.

Jones, Brock's county, is believed to have given him a majority of about 400; Lenoir about 575 or 600; Greene, 300; Craven, 400; Onslow, 400. Carteret probably gave Webb a small majority.

Kinston gave Brock 337 votes and Webb 35. Moseley Hall township voted 152 for Brock to 1 for Webb. Brock will be on the ticket with Col. W. D. Pollock of Kinston.

New York, July 3.—The epidemic of infantile paralysis here has claimed up to tonight 82 lives. Since Saturday noon there have been 23 deaths. Many new cases are reported.

## GOING ON IN OTHER TOWNS AND COUNTIES OF EASTERN CAROLINA

(Daily Free Press—July 1)  
Max Smith of New Bern and "Dumps" Turner of Kinston will wrestle at Morehead City Tuesday night. The match will be a feature of the July 4 celebration there.  
A slight wreck occurred on the A. C. L. between Wilmington and New Bern when a caboose and coal car jumped the track at Verona. A ho-bo was badly shaken up but no one was hurt.

A small son of J. Nat Taylor of Robersonville was killed by the accidental discharge of a rifle a brother was carrying into the house. The bullet penetrated the victim's eye and brain.

## CO-OPERATION IN N. C. SOIL SURVEYS

(Special to The Free Press)  
Washington, July 3.—The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and the North Carolina Experiment Station will co-operate this season with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in soil surveys of Stanley, Cleveland and Orange counties. The work will be begun in the near future, it is expected.

## COLORED BOY ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE NEUSE

(Daily Free Press—July 3)  
Clemsey Roberson's mother does not know he was drowned in Neuse river near the post house Sunday morning, it is reported. The boy could not swim. He was 13 and colored. His mother is critically ill at a house in Southwest Kinston, and the news might cause her death.

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