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CARRANZA SUGGESTS COMMISSION OF SIX TO SETTLE TROUBLE

Would Have Three From Each Country; No Officials Eligible

INQUISITORIAL POWERS

Plan to Be Formally Proposed to State Department Soon—Would Have Sessions Held on Border and in the North

By R. J. BENDER.

(United Press Staff Correspondent) Washington, July 14.—Acting Secretary of State Polk today submitted to President Wilson and the Cabinet Carranza's suggestion for the appointment of a commission to settle the Mexican problem for all time. It became known that the President heartily approves the plan and will O. K. it before leaving on a yachting trip this afternoon, after which Polk will tell Senor Arredondo it is acceptable.

Washington, July 14.—The plan which Carranza believes will settle the differences between the United States and Mexico was today made known, and is expected to be submitted to the State Department in a few days.

Carranza proposes a commission of three men from each country who would be directed to work out a complete series of remedial steps, probably involving the border patrol. They would have inquisitorial powers. Neither Arredondo nor Fletcher would be members, nor would any member of the State Department or the Mexican Foreign Office. Negotiations are expected to start on the border and later be transferred to some northern summer resort.

VILLA DEMANDS THE SURRENDER CAPITAL CHIHUAHUA, REPORT

(By the United Press)

El Paso, July 14.—Villa has demanded the surrender of Chihuahua City, according to a well-founded but unofficial report. General Bell today said he had received reliable information of disaffection of General Trevino, commandant at Chihuahua City, from the Carranza Government.

DR. WHITAKER SUFFERS STROKE OF PARALYSIS

Dr. R. A. Whitaker suffered a slight stroke of paralysis Thursday at his farm in Jones county. Dr. Whitaker was visiting the plantation with several others, who autoed out with him.

The physician was brought to his Washington avenue home Thursday night, and this morning was resting quietly.

POLK SAYS NO NEED FOR ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING BIG SUB.

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 14.—Following a report of the neutrality board, Acting Secretary of State Polk said today that there was no need for a formal announcement regarding the submarine, Deutschland. This is taken to mean that the Deutschland is a merchantman and will be allowed to clear.

LACK OCEAN TRAVEL IS BLAMED BY SOME FOR SHARKS' VISIT

Food Supply From Waste From Liners' Dining-Rooms Cut Off—Body of Boy Victim, Badly Mangled, Recovered

Washington, July 14.—Secretary McAdoo today issued instructions to all coast guard and life-saving stations to co-operate in every way with local authorities to minimize the man-eating shark menace.

Matawan, N. J., July 14.—The terribly mangled body of Lester Stillwell, victim of a shark on Wednesday, today was recovered from the waters of Matawan creek. Great jagged wounds on the abdomen and breast showed where the shark's teeth closed over the 12-year-old body, which rose to the surface within 300 feet of the attack.

Fisheries Bureau to Investigate.

Washington, July 14.—Officials of the Bureau of Fisheries consider the series of shark attacks on bathers along the Jersey and New York coasts serious enough to warrant an investigation.

Some believe the great falling off in ocean traffic, with the consequent reduction in the amount of waste from the palatial steamship dining-rooms, caused a food shortage that drove the sharks close to shore.

AUTOS BOUGHT WITH WHISKY MONEY NOW

Says R. C. Strong, Man of Facts and Figures—Big Business in Benzine Buggies Don't Tell Anything About Prosperity, Declares—Argument Against Whisky

Mr. R. C. Strong of the National Bank of Kinston makes the interesting statement that, in his belief, the big business in automobiles in East Carolina now is not indicative of undue prosperity. Grading the years of the past decade or two as bad, fair and good, he claims that this year is proving to be "fair." Mr. Strong is conservatively optimistic. It isn't any remarkable prosperity that is causing every fellow in nearly every nook of the woods who is able to purchase an auto, he thinks, but the money that formerly went for whisky now is being spent for gasoline and the whisking, buzzing things that eat it up. Which is better, for the automobile serves many good purposes.

What an argument for the anti-saloonists! From many separate angles it presents spikes and thorns to graze the sides of the anti-prohibitionists.

Mr. Strong presents the following bright little bit of advice "to married men who cannot get along without booze": (It isn't original; it comes from Richmond.)

"Start a saloon in your own house. Be the only customer (you'll have no license to pay). Go to your wife and give her \$2 to buy a gallon of whisky and remember there drinks in a gallon. Buy your drinks from no one but your wife, and by the time the first gallon is gone, she will have eight dollars to put into the bank, and two dollars to start business again. Should you live 10 years and continue to buy from her, and then die with snakes in your boots, she will have enough money to bury you decently, educate your child, buy a house and lot, marry a decent man, and quit thinking about you entirely."

BIG REALTY COMPANY FOR WEST CAROLINA

Greensboro, July 13.—The organization of the Piedmont Investment Company, begun in Charlotte yesterday, was completed in Greensboro last night. This company, which is a real estate enterprise, has been chartered under the laws of North Carolina with an authorized capital of a quarter of a million dollars.

GAIETY IN FRENCH CAPITAL TODAY; IS BIRTHDAY REPUBLIC

Commemorates Fall of the Bastille—Better Spirit Prevailed Than In Two Years—Troops Many Nations March

By HENRY WOOD,

(United Press Staff Correspondent) Paris, July 14.—Paris celebrated Bastille Day, the birthday of the French Republic, with a spirit of gaiety unprecedented since the war began. Hundreds of thousands swarmed the sidewalks as Russian, Belgian, English, Australian, Senegalese, Indian and French troops marched from the Invalides across Alexander bridge, built to commemorate the Russian-French alliance.

GOING ON IN OTHER E. CAROLINA TOWNS

Chief Engineer F. L. Nicholson of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, who has just completed an inspection tour over this part of the Deaford division, states that the road is in good condition.

The North Carolina naval reserves will leave Saturday morning for Norfolk, to board the battleship Louisiana for the annual training cruise. A number of States will have divisions on board.

Geo. F. M. Dail of Snow Hill has been adjudged bankrupt. The first meeting of creditors will be held at New Bern on July 28.

UNCLE SAM HAVING A TIME KEEPING FISHES OUT OF WHEAT FIELDS

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 14.—Uncle Sam is having an awful time keeping his fish in the rivers and lakes where they belong. They just will go hiking off into the farm fields and nosing around among the shrubbery.

"We placed 11,000,000 trout and other fish in Colorado and Wyoming streams last year," said a government official today, "and a large part of them were carried into irrigation ditches, thence out upon the fields, where they either were caught and eaten or died and made fertilizer. We wish somebody would show us how to prevent this."

WILSON SENDS NAME OF JUDGE CLARKE TO THE SENATE TODAY

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 14.—President Wilson has decided to nominate Federal Judge John H. Clarke of Cleveland to be associate justice of the Supreme Court. He sent the nomination to the Senate today.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

FINE TRAIN SHOT INTO. Maples, Ind., July 1.—Four persons, including a woman and baby were painfully injured when a charge of buckshot shattered glass on the observation platform of the Pennsylvania's crack New York and Chicago Limited near here today. It is believed a young boy did it.

RIOTERS IN CORK. Cork, Ireland, July 14.—Several hundred rioters today paraded the streets hooting the British soldiers and smashing recruiting office windows. Soldiers dispersed them.

FOREIGN TRADE FOR YEAR EXCEEDS SIX AND HALF BILLIONS

More Than Four Billions Exports and More Than Two Billions Imports—Much Better Than Any Previous Year

(Special to The Free Press)

Washington, July 14.—Exports for the fiscal year just ended with June amounted to \$4,345,000,000, and the imports were valued at \$2,180,000,000; making a total foreign trade for the year of over six and a half billion dollars, which is much larger than any previous total in the history of American commerce. These figures were announced today by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, with the explanation that the figures included for June are an estimate based on the final May statistics.

It was in 1872 that our foreign trade first exceeded 1 billion dollars. By 1900 it had crossed the 2 billion dollar mark, by 1907 had exceeded 3 billion, and by 1913 had risen above 4 billion, remaining around that level until the year just ended, when the 6 billion mark was exceeded. Imports first exceeded 1 billion dollars' value in 1903 and are now a little more than twice as much as at that time. Exports first rose above 1 billion dollars' value in 1892 and are now four times as much as in that year.

Thirteen great classes of exported articles yield a total estimated at 3,024 million dollars for 1916, as against 1,321 million for all other articles. The following table shows the remarkable increases which have occurred in exports of this group during the last two years:

Classes	1916	1915	1914
	Mill'n	Mill'n	Mill'n
Iron and steel	618	226	251
Explosives	473	41	6
Raw cotton	370	376	610
Wheat and flour	314	428	142
Meats	270	206	143
Copper mfrs.	170	109	146
Mineral oils	165	134	152
Drugs and mfrs.	126	21	7
Autos and parts	123	68	33
Chemicals, etc.	123	46	25
Cotton mfrs.	112	72	51
Refined sugar	80	26	2
Leather	80	65	37

*Estimated upon basis of 11 months.

POPE MAY OFFER NEW PEACE PROPOSITION

Allied Successes If Great May Convince Benedict That Second Anniversary of Beginning of World Struggle Will Be Propitious Time to Broach Subject

(By the United Press)

Rome, July 14.—Pope Benedict today reported that Church circles are preparing a second appeal for peace to be made on the second anniversary of the war, only two weeks off. Issuance is said to depend on Allied successes, which if great, may convince the Pope that the time is propitious.

JUNIOR NAVAL RESERVE CAMP OPENS FOR UNCLE SAM'S EMBRYONIC SALTS

(By the United Press)

New London, Conn., July 14.—The parade ground of Camp Dewey, surrounded by a big grove of trees on the banks of the Thames, is swarming with cadets today at the opening of the summer session of the United States Junior Naval Reserve Encampment.

Over two hundred American youths of 14 years and over are already enrolled and recruits will be received during the two months' session. United States army and navy officers are on hand to give the boys instructions in naval and military tactics throughout the summer.

Admiral George Dewey, for whom

HABEAS CORPUS CASE OF PRIVATE AVERY WILSON THIS P. M.

National Guard Fighting Hard Soldier's Attempt to Secure Discharge from Kinston Company—Army Represented

(Special to The Free Press)

Wilson, July 14.—Col. W. C. Rodman, commanding the Second N. C. infantry, and Major S. T. Ansell of the Judge Advocate-General's department, Washington, representing the National Guard, and Hon. D. L. Ward of New Bern, representing Private Avery, Co. B, Second infantry, are here this afternoon to appear in a habeas corpus hearing for Avery's discharge before Federal Judge H. G. Connor.

Avery, a Dover youth, enlisted in the Kinston company some months ago, without his parents' consent, he declares. They claim that he is under age. Avery has not subscribed to the Federal National Guard oath, but took the oath in the North Carolina National Guard. The military authorities are bitterly contesting the action to compel his discharge. They threaten to prosecute him for perjury in falsely swearing to his age.

TIN CANS SWAPPED FOR TICKETS LOCAL THEATER TWO WEEKS

Manager of Grand Inaugurates Laudable Cleanup Plan—10 Cans Good for a Matinee Admission—City Approves

Eight hundred tin cans dumped in front of the Grand Theater this afternoon meant 80 matinee admissions to children.

For two weeks Manager Harry Stallings, by permission of the city authorities, who will have the cans auctioned off, will exchange a matinee cardboard for every 10 cans brought to the theater by a kiddie.

Little advertising had been done before today, but Mr. Stallings says his plan is working very satisfactorily already.

FOUR DROWNED IN DAY IN VICINITY GA. TOWN

Valdosta, July 13.—Three children of Henry B. Phillips of Stockton, Ga., Henry, aged 14; Elizabeth, aged 10, and a boy of two, were drowned in the Alapha river there late today, according to a message received here.

Benjamin Pafford, 18, of Milltown, Ga., was drowned in the Alapha river near Milltown today when he dived from the railroad bridge.

BIG NAVAL COLLIER IN DISTRESS OFF S. C. COAST; GALE ON

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 14.—The naval collier Hector is in distress off Charleston, a radiogram to the Coast Guard service today said. A gale is raging at that point. The cutter Seminole is rushing from Wilmington, N. C., to her assistance.

The training camp was named, is the honorary commander in chief of the reserve; while Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy; Franklin Roosevelt, assistant secretary; Governor Whitman of New York; and Mayor Mitchell of New York are honorary vice-presidents.

SHEPHERD'S TALES OF THE HORRORS OF WAR WAS FEATURE

Press Association Convention Closed Interesting Sessions in Durham On Thursday Night—Go to Morehead City In 1917

(By H. Galt Braxton)

Durham, July 14.—The 43rd annual convention of the North Carolina Press Association came to an end Thursday night when Editor E. E. Britton of the Raleigh News and Observer, President-elect, was inducted into office, and the reins, so to speak, were transferred from the genial James H. Cowan, editor of the Wilmington Dispatch, to his successor.

The closing session was featured by the most interesting address of Mr. W. G. Shepherd, noted war reporter for the United Press. Mr. Shepherd, like others in the service of the United Press, is a young man of energy and daring, and the stories of his experiences at the various battlefronts of Europe indicated that he had been in some rather hazardous situations. His graphic description of the first zeppelin air raid, which occurred in the City of Antwerp in the fall of 1914, was graphic indeed. He said that there were thirty thousand Belgian soldiers distributed throughout Antwerp. All lights were extinguished in anticipation of the raid, which had been predicted for some days, and the soldiers were instructed at a given signal of a gun of one of the outstanding forts to begin firing aimlessly in the air until they had exhausted their ammunition and for several hours this bombardment of the atmosphere continued. A peculiar thing Mr. Shepherd called attention to was that nobody was reported killed from the shower of bullets which literally rained for some time. There were ten or twelve killed by the zeppelin bombs.

Another interesting feature of Mr. Shepherd's narrative was his account of the cholera situation on the Austrian and Russian fronts, where vast numbers of soldiers were brought in as soon as any cholera symptoms developed and given beds in straw in a concentration camp to await the ravages of the disease, the course of which was usually about 24 hours.

Mr. Shepherd was very accommodating and invited questions from his auditors. One of the questions was, "What was the chief factor in bringing about the splendid organization and efficiency in the Russian Army?" Without hesitation Mr. Shepherd replied that the abolition of the use of alcohol in his estimation, had more to do with the advancement among the Russian people than had any other contributing factor.

Thursday Morning's Session.

Thursday morning the Association gathered in the East Duke building of Trinity College and listened to an interesting program. As stated in yesterday's Free Press, the election of officers was held at that session. The selection of a meeting place for next year precipitated quite an interesting discussion. It was evident from the outset that the Association desired to go either to the seashore or the mountains and Morehead City had not a representative to convey its invitation, and after various motions, one of which was to leave the matter to the executive committee, and another to have a referendum of the entire membership, this latter being declared unconstitutional, Morehead City was selected with the proviso that reasonable rates and other satisfactory arrangements with an assurance of first-class service can be had, and Secretary John B. Sherrill was delegated to pass upon the provisions. Other officials elected not included in the list given in the Free Press Thursday were Mr. Roland F. Beasley of the Monroe Journal, second vice-president; Mr. G. W. Whitehead of Wilmington, third vice-president; Mr. M. L. Shipman, State Commissioner of Labor and Printing,

BIGGEST GAIN YET BY ALLIES IN THE WESTERN OFFENSIVE

In Smashing Attack Today British Made Material Advance in Somme

LONG FRONT IS BROKEN

Germans Gave Way for Distance of Four Miles—Heavy Fighting Continues—Battle, One Sector On for 18 Hours

By EDWARD L. KEEN,

(United Press Staff Correspondent) London, July 14.—The British broke through German lines on four miles of the front at dawn in a smashing blow that swept the Teutons out of two villages and out of the Trones woods, for a distance of a mile. This was the greatest single gain since the super-offensive began thirteen days ago. Heavy fighting continues.

Battle On for 18 Hours.

Berlin, July 14.—A great battle has been going on for more than 18 hours in the region east of Comaumont, where the British have resumed their heavy attacks. The fighting is extremely violent on both sides of the Somme.

DISAGREEMENT IN THE FIGHT PICTURES CASE

Syracuse, N. Y., July 13.—A disagreement was reported today by the jury in the case of the government against James E. Johnston, manager of the Madison Square Garden, and five others indicted for bringing pictures of the Johnson-Willard fight over the Canadian border for exhibition purposes.

CALL OF THE WILD MARRED PLEASURE COLORED FEASTERS

Black With a Knife "Kicked Up"—Two Men and a Suit of Clothes Cut—Exciting Few Minutes in Tobacco Warehouse Where Hundreds Were Having Banquet

Two persons were cut when Esley Watts, a waiter, ran amuck with a knife in the midst of more than 500 negroes in a banquet in the Central tobacco warehouse, at Heritage and North streets late Thursday night. John Smith, another waiter who was officiating as master of ceremonies, received several slight cuts on his head and face, and had his nose split. He is not in any danger. Ezekiel Wooten, who intervened, was cut on his arm. Julius McCalup, another participant, had a perfectly good coat spoiled when Watts' knife came in contact with it, narrowly missing McCalup's shoulder.

Local colored people were entertaining several hundred visiting delegates to a convention of the Daughters of Ruth, a colored Odd Fellows' auxiliary. Watts was among those present. The master of the feast, Smith, advised order for such an occasion. Watts "perked up." He pulled upon John Smith and there was no colored Poochontas to interfere. Men prevented him from making sausage meat of Smith, however. It was the only upward incident.

Watts was fined \$15 and costs by the Recorder today.

historian. Mr. William Laurie Hill of Maxton, the venerable post-institute of the association for many years was, of course, retained, and the old executive committee consisting of Major Henry A. London of Pittaboro, Henry B. Varner of Lexington, James H. Caine of Asheville, and T. F. Lassiter of Smithfield. The President and Secretary are ex-officio members of the executive committee.