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MEXICO STILL HARPS ON THE WITHDRAWAL QUESTION; INSISTS THAT IT BE INITIAL BUSINESS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION

Reply to Last American Note Handed State Department Today—Stresses Fact That U. S. Commissioners Shall Engage With Carranza Delegates. In Settlement of Points the De Facto President Would Like to Have Cleared Up—Believed at Washington That the Mexican Commissioners Will Agree to Thresh Out Question of Border Guard Along With Those of Patrol, Bandit Raids and Recall of Pershing and His Forces

(By the United Press)

Washington, Aug. 4.—Carranza still insists that the first thing to be decided upon by the United States and Mexico is withdrawal of the American troops.

Ambassador Arredondo today handed Acting Secretary of State Polk the reply to the last American note suggesting that the commissioners settle that point at the outset. The communication formally named the Mexican commissioners. It laid stress on the fact that the American commissioners shall "devote their time to the points mentioned in our (the Mexican) previous note." These points are the withdrawal, settlement of the question of the border patrol and fixing the responsibility for bandit raids.

No specific mention is made of the border question, but it is thought the Mexican commissioners will agree to thresh out the whole question.

May Meet in Atlantic City.

The note says Carranza "congratulates himself upon the laudable effort of the American government to arrive at a solution of the existing difficulties," and that Arredondo is authorized to discuss the place and date of the meeting. The Mexican commissioners are expected to arrive at Washington this week. Ignacio Bonillas, one of the commissioners, is already en route. The others are Luis Cabrera and Albert Openy. It is rumored that Atlantic City or Asbury Park will be the meeting place.

MEXICO FORMALLY NAMES COMMISSIONERS

Mexico City, Aug. 3.—It was officially announced today that Luis Cabrera, Yncio Bonillas and Alberto Pani have been selected as the commissioners to negotiate with the United States commissioners regarding the questions at issue between Mexico and the United States.

Cabrera is Carranza's minister of finance; Bonillas is under secretary of communications; Alberto J. Pani is president of the national railways of Mexico.

GREENSBORO WILL HAVE MOVING PICTURE STUDIO

Greensboro, Aug. 3.—Greensboro is to have a moving picture company, to be known as the Gate City Moving Pictures, Incorporated. The authorized capital is \$100,000, and its officers are some of the city's best known business men. The purpose of the company is to make films featuring Roland Hill, a well known young man of this city, who is already a moving picture actor. Work will be commenced on the studio in Greensboro in a few weeks.

CRAVEN MAGISTRATE DEPORTS WOMEN FROM PEMBROKE AFTER ROW

New Bern, Aug. 4.—After C. M. Franks, a boatman, and William Ketcham, a farmer, had been severely beaten by hoodlums at Pembroke, a local suburb, they took refuge in the house of Grace Marshall. The Marshall woman and another who was with her went out with unnamed men from Kinston, and the gang, who had followed Franks and Ketcham to the house, stormed it for admittance. A fight followed. A rough and tumble fight followed. A revolver was used but no one injured.

The sheriff intervened. One arrest was made and four girls were detained for witnesses. They knew little of the fracas and spent most of their time in custody explaining their presence at Pembroke, the reputation of which place is not good.

GREENE COUNTY MAN WORKED IN A BARN WITH BIG RATTLER

Albert Harper, a planter, had objectionable company in a tobacco barn near Snow Hill Thursday afternoon. A big rattlesnake was enjoying something more than 100 degrees of heat after having found its way into the barn from the wet ground outside. When Harper discovered the reptile's presence he secured a gun and shot it.

The snake was probably the largest ever killed in the section. Its body was carried to Snow Hill and measured, proving to be four feet eight and a half inches long. The reptile had twelve rattles, and a button. It was placed on exhibition.

NEGRO BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN VICTIM MOB VIOLENCE DIES

Lazarus Rouse, colored, about 30 years old, shot at his home in the Liddell section several nights ago by an unidentified assailant, believed to have been a member of a party of white men disguised as negroes, died today. The sheriff's office received the information this afternoon, and Sheriff Taylor and Coroner Wood prepared to go to Liddell.

Rouse is believed to have been shot because of disrespectful utterances about white girls.

GREENVILLE MINISTER MAY JOIN THE REGULARS

Greenville, Aug. 4.—It is learned here from an authoritative source that Adjutant-General McCain of the army will recommend the appointment of Rev. H. N. Blanchard, pastor of Memorial Baptist church here, to a chaplaincy in the army with the rank of first lieutenant.

The females were ordered by Magistrate Hancock to leave Pembroke and Eddie McCoy was bound over to court for resisting arrest.

FOUGHT VIOLENTLY THROUGH THE NIGHT ON WESTERN FRONT

First Germans and Then French Attacked In the Verdun Sector

SEEMS LITTLE CHANGE

French Retook Thiaumont Redoubt Only to Be Chased Out of It Again—Teutons Massed to Assault, Is Report

(By the United Press)

Paris, Aug. 4.—In a violent battle northeast of Verdun last night the Germans lost enormously. They repeated their counter-attacks in massed formation, it is said officially, and fought all night. This morning one and then the other side was advancing. The French, it is said, reoccupied Thiaumont redoubt but were driven out.

British Not Very Active. London, Aug. 4.—The left wing of the British in the Somme offensive gained last night in minor operations west of Pozieres, General Haig reports.

Germans Retake Fleury. Berlin, Aug. 4.—The Germans recaptured the village of Fleury and trenches to the west and northwest of the town, in violent fighting this morning. The French took them during the night.

Further Slav Gains. Petrograd, Aug. 4.—In driving toward Koval Russian detachments have crossed to the left bank of the Stockhod in the region of Lubecho, capturing a series of heights.

BIG ITALIAN LINER TORPEDOED; NEARLY A HUNDRED MISSING

Women and Children Are Among Those Who May Have Perished—First Submarining Passenger Ship in Months

(By the United Press)

London, Aug. 4.—Eighty to a hundred persons are missing and may have perished in the submarining of the Italian mailer Letimbro in the Mediterranean. The missing include women and children. Three boatloads of survivors have been landed, two at Syracuse and one at Moltz. The Letimbro was the first big passenger ship submarined in months.

YOUNG PHYSICIAN OF THIS STATE HERO IN PHILADELPHIA FIRE

(By the Eastern Press)

Washington, N. C., Aug. 4.—Philadelphia newspapers devote much space to a daring feat pulled off by Dr. Allan Moore of this city, a young Episcopal hospital interne, in a fire which did three-quarters of a million dollars damage in a manufacturing section of the Pennsylvania city.

Moore and another physician climbed a ladder to a roof far above the ground and resuscitated two firemen overcome by smoke. They in turn were overcome. Firemen finally got all four down after considerable trouble. A big crowd attracted by the blaze cheered the doctors.

FATAL ROW AT PACTOLUS.

Pactolus, N. C., Aug. 4.—Eliatus Ward, colored, was shot and killed instantly by Robert Wilson, Jr., another negro, here yesterday. The slaying occurred in a tobacco barn and followed a dispute.

COUNTY IS EXPECTED TO GIVE THOUSAND TO THE FLOOD FUND

Mark Set by Local Committees Can Be Attained by Giving About \$250

SOME CONTRIBUTORS ADD

Only One Donation In Nearly 24 Hours, Bringing Total Up to \$742.41—Kinston and Lenoir Will Do Their Share

Only \$5 was added to Kinston's and Lenoir county's contribution for the West Carolina flood sufferers from the time of Thursday's report to 1 p. m. today. The fund in the State reached about \$31,000 Thursday night.

Kinston and the county have done handsomely by the cause, but Messrs. N. J. Rouse and W. B. Douglass of the local committee are hoping to raise a thousand dollars here. Now that the extent of the damage in the flooded country is more capable of being realized, looming up larger than formerly reported, it is suggested that persons who hastened to contribute when the call was first made add to their donations, if they feel inclined and able to do so. Some, it is supposed, might like to do this, not having been fully cognizant of the gravity of the situation a few days ago. A few have already done so.

Anyway, the local contribution is likely to go to the thousand-dollar mark, is an opinion ventured on the ground that Kinston never fails to accomplish what it sets out. A little more than \$250 is needed to bring it to that sum. Contributions since last reported were:

Previously reported	\$715.91
C. Felix Harvey (additional)	15.00
Miss Penny Brown	1.50
J. W. Mosley	1.00
Y. T. Ormond (additional)	4.00
W. H. Howell	5.00

Grand total to date \$742.41

ARMED SUBMARINES CONVOYED KOENIG'S SHIP AWAY, STATES

Germany Had Fighting Submersibles Off Capes and Allied Patrol Knew It, Liner Master Says at Washington

(By the United Press)

Washington, Aug. 4.—Ocean-going fighting submarines were off the Virginia capes protecting the Deutschland, according to Capt. George Knowell of the Norfolk-Washington steamer Southland. He says that is the reason the Deutschland escaped. The warships knew they were there, he states.

LEE SHELBURNE IS SUICIDE; NO REASON KNOWN FOR HIS ACT

Greenville, Aug. 4.—Lee Shelburne, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Shelburne and a member of one of the most prominent families here, suicided some time during last night by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. The act was committed in the home of a friend.

No reason is known for the suicide, but Shelburne is said to have been drinking. Shelburne was well-known in Kinston and other places in this section.

CITY SCHOOLS WILL OPEN FOR TERM ON THIRTEENTH SEPT'R

Three Advisory Committees Named at Suggestion of New Superintendent

MAY HAVE LUNCH PLACE

To Feed Youngsters at the Noon Hour—\$300 Available From Slater Fund for Industrial Training Colored Pupils

The Kinston city schools will begin the 1916-17 scholastic year on September 13. The day is Wednesday. This was the announcement following a meeting of the Board of Trustees Thursday night.

At the suggestion of Supt. Kate Curtis, committees on "teachers and policies," "buildings and equipment," and finance, were named by the trustees. The members have not been announced officially. These committees, it is stated, will be advisory only, and will have no administrative authority. They will be consulted by or make suggestions to the superintendent and trustees on the things within their spheres, when advisable, it is understood, but will not be empowered for any action without the Board's or the Superintendent's formal approval.

Consideration is being made of a proposition to donate \$300 to supplement an equal sum from the well-known Slater fund for domestic science instruction in the Tower Hill school, colored. The Slater money is not available unless the local authorities appropriate. Favorable action is anticipated.

A proposition to establish a lunch place for the schools in North Kinston was heard by the Trustees Thursday night. No final action on this matter has been taken. The lunch-stand idea is not new, although it is seldom inaugurated in a place of Kinston's size.

TREATY BETWEEN U. S. AND DENMARK IS SIGNED AT NEW YORK

For Transfer of West Indian Possessions of Latter to This Country—Must Be Ratified by Legislators and People

(By the United Press)

Washington, Aug. 4.—The treaty between Denmark and the U. S. providing for the purchase of the Danish West Indies for \$25,000,000, was signed in New York today by Secretary Lansing and Danish Minister Brun, the State Department today announced.

The treaty will have to be ratified by the House and Senate, the Danish Parliament and the people of the islands. The United States gets the three islands of St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John, east of Porto Rico, and relinquishes discovery rights in Greenland.

IMPEACHMENT CHARGES VS. MARSHALL DROPPED

(By the United Press)

Washington, Aug. 4.—The House Judiciary committee today decided to drop the impeachment charges against District Attorney Marshall of New York, brought by Representative Buchanan, who was indicted by a New York grand jury in connection with the labor peace council's activities and German propaganda.

COUNTRY WILL FACE BAD FOOD SITUATION IF RAILROAD MEN GO ON STRIKE; SENATE LAYS ASIDE RESOLUTION FOR MEDIATION

Employees Regard Action as a Victory for Them—Controversy Matter for Themselves and Companies to Thresh Out, Assert—President Calls for Another Conference With Judge Chambers and Cabinet Discusses Threatening Trouble—Evident That Government Will Try to Prevent Walkout That Would Tie Up Traffic Throughout Nation—Interior Cities Would Fare Badly From Lack of Supplies and Business Would Be Paralyzed

(By the United Press)

New York, Aug. 4.—The United States would face one of the most serious food situations in decades if the threatened strike of 400,000 trainmen materialized and became a protracted fight, according to opinions collected by the United Press. Coast cities and cities on navigable rivers would suffer least, but even they would be hard hit. Babies and children would suffer heaviest, because of the shortage of milk. Perishable foods would present the most serious problem.

Government Plans to Take a Hand. Washington, Aug. 4.—Indication that the government is formulating a course of action by which to handle the railroad strike situation was seen by a series of conferences today between the President and Judge Chambers of the Board of Mediation and Conciliation. After the first conference the President asked for a second, and the cabinet discussed the matter.

The trainmen were victorious when the Senate committee tabled a resolution calling mediation of the controversy by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The trainmen say the matter lies between themselves and the companies.

AND MASSACHUSETTS COLONEL ADVANCED TO BE RECOGNIZED

(By the United Press)

Columbus, N. M., Aug. 4.—Militiamen from western Massachusetts have been assigned the honor of guarding the base camp. A cord of troops is thrown around the entire camp every night. It is a duty of great importance.

The easterners already have demonstrated their efficiency. Colonel W. C. Hayes, commanding the Second Massachusetts regiment will testify to that today.

While inspecting the guard lines last night the Colonel and his adjutant were riding through a lonely stretch of desert in pitch darkness south of the camp.

"Halt," came the sharp command from an alert guardsman.

"That's all right, my man," said Col. Hayes soothingly. "This is Col. Hayes inspecting the guard."

"I don't care who you say you are," came the menacing reply. "Dismount and advance to be recognized, and don't loiter, either."

In the darkness the Colonel could see the dim outlines of the sentry with his rifle leveled.

"And I didn't loiter," the officer declared. "I fairly tumbled off that horse and advanced. I doubt if any suspicious characters get into camp through the lines."

STRIKE O' TRAINMEN NOT SO LIKELY, IS OPINION CHAMBERS

(By the United Press)

Washington, Aug. 4.—Judge Chambers of the U. S. Board of Mediation and Conciliation today conferred with the President over the threatened strike of 400,000 trainmen. He said the situation is not as serious as claimed.

The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee also discussed the impending strike.

Hot air is the motive power that operates the human talking machine.

TOTAL WEALTH THIS COUNTY MORE THAN NINE MILLIONS NOW

The total wealth of Lenoir county aside from property assessed by the Corporation Commission is \$7,748,166, according to Register of Deeds Pridden, who has just finished tabulating the taxlisters' abstracts. With the corporation values added the total will be in excess of nine millions. Of the \$7,748,166, \$4,986,751 is real and \$2,761,415 personal property.

The total wealth of Kinston whites is \$3,433,460 and of Kinston colored people \$252,490, aside from corporation values.

CONGRESS SETS A NEW RECORD APPROPRIATIONS

Washington, Aug. 3.—Appropriations of the present Congress passed the \$1,500,000,000 mark today and set a new record. The bill for support of the District of Columbia carried the appropriations over the previous mark. Leaders expect appropriations of another hundred millions before adjournment.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press) TWENTY-EIGHT DEAD KENTUCKY FLOOD.

Middleboro, Ky., Aug. 4.—Reports from the Blair's Creek district fix the death list from yesterday's flood at 28. The property damage was two four mills, two storehouses and five dwellings and crops and livestock were lost.

TORNADO IN MINNESOTA.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 4.—Buildings were wrecked and blown across railroad tracks, and crop damage estimated at a million resulted from a tornado this morning in Southern Canada and Northern Minnesota. The Crookston, Minn. district was the heaviest hit. It is believed no lives were lost.