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## MOBILIZING TROOPS ON MEXICAN BORDER

### Preparations Making to Put Down Any Organized Invasion of the United States—Mexican Situation Nearing a Crisis.

Washington, Sept. 5.—All United States troops on the Mexican border were under orders tonight to be in readiness to meet any emergency. War officials said extraordinary vigilance had been ordered as a result of repeated raids in American territory by Mexican brigands and soldiers, and renewed reports of preparation for an organized invasion from across the Rio Grande in the States of Coahuila and Nuevo Leon.

As long as the raiders continue to appear only in small bands, it is understood none of them will be followed into their own territory, but officials indicated tonight that the American commanders would not hesitate to pursue the enemy until they were completely routed should anything resembling an organized invasion of the United States be encountered.

Persistent reports that some of the Mexican raiders slain wore Carranza uniforms have reached officials here. Rumors have come, too, that there is a concerted move by Carranza leaders in Nuevo Laredo and Coahuila to arouse Mexican sentiment against the Pan-American movement for re-establishment of constitutional government in the republic.

Eliseo Arrendondo, Carranza's Washington agent, issued a statement tonight denying all such stories and crediting them to enemies of Carranza. The statement added:

"Mr. Arrendondo said that he invited the press to withhold any opinion on the situation for a few days when he feels confident the American Government will have satisfied itself as to the source of the present border disturbances. He also said that it is untrue that General Nafarette (Carranza's commander at Matamoras) has 10,000 men along the border. He has about 2,000 and no more." He added that so far as General Trevino (commander at Monterey) is concerned, he yesterday defeated the Villistas at Icamole, near Monterey, "which proves that he is very far from the frontier."

It is quite probable the Pan-American conferees will meet this week. They now are awaiting Carranza's reply to their appeal for a Mexican peace conference. Carranza's long delay in answering has given rise to some hope that his reply may leave the way open for further peace negotiations with his faction.

### BIG DAVIDSON RATTLESNAKE CHARMS ENGLISH SPARROW

#### Concord Business Man Declares He Witnessed the Incident at Denton Recently.

Concord, N. C., Sept. 6.—People may doubt a snake's ability to charm a bird, but according to a report from Denton, there is no reason to do so. And the report is brought by none other than Mr. Gowan Dusenbery, founder, principal owner and manager of the Gowan Medical Company, of this State. Mr. Dusenbery has returned from Denton where he has been spending several days negotiating a sale of a large tract of lumber.

A few morning ago, Mr. Dusenbery stated in relating the incident, a large crowd was attracted to a point near the center of the town and on one of the principal streets by a big swarm of sparrows, numbering probably 75. The birds circled, chirped and otherwise sounded an S. O. S. signal. People went to the scene and found a large rattlesnake eagerly devouring a sparrow. The snake was killed and a mobilization of its rattling resources showed eight rattles and a button.

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### ARE HUNTING BUSINESS IN SOUTH AMERICA

#### Commissioner Shipman Sending Out Letters to South American Business Houses to Impress Advantages of North Carolina.

Carrying out the plans of the State Department of Labor and Printing for co-operation with the Federal Department of Commerce in a campaign for the extension of trade relations with Latin-America, Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman has got out a letter that is designed for wide circulation in the south American countries to impress the advantages North Carolina has for supplying an export trade with them. It has already been translated into Spanish by Dr. James M. Justice and is to be translated into Portuguese, the prevailing language in numbers of the South American Nations.

Commissioner Shipman says this letter is the initial one of a series of efforts that his department will make for getting a hold on this trade for North Carolina manufacturers and that J. T. Ryan of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers' Association, High Point, and W. C. Creighton, traffic manager of the Charlotte Shippers' and Manufacturers' Association, have expressed an interest in the movement, it being really on their suggestion that he has undertaken to open up negotiations with South American countries for extension of trade relations. He is anxious for the co-operation of all other commercial organizations in the State.

### CALDWELL MEMORIAL IS GETTING ON THE WAY

#### To Be Provided Through Voluntary Contributions—Form of Memorial Not Determined.

The Caldwell Memorial Fund Commission was organized at Statesville Tuesday with Mr. Clark as president and Mr. Harris as secretary and treasurer.

Every newspaper in the State is authorized and requested to receive contributions and in every community in the State a committee of personal friends of Mr. Caldwell will be appointed whose services in the cause will be supplemental to those of the local paper.

Some money had been forwarded even before the committee was ready to take up the work.

The memorial is to be provided through voluntary contributions from friends and admirers of the late editor, and the committee is now in readiness to receive monies. Individual contributions may be forwarded by check or through other commercial sources to Mr. Wade H. Harris, at Charlotte, to whom also, the collections by the newspapers will be forwarded from time to time. The form which the memorial will take will be determined by the nature of the contributions as a whole, and the location will be decided largely by public sentiment as developed. These two matters were discussed only informally by the committee.

Outlook Days, October 6 and 7.

### MEXICAN NEWSPAPERS CALL FOR ATTACK ON UNCLE SAM

Laredo, Texas, Sept. 3.—Prejudiced articles against the United States appearing in Mexican newspapers along the border, especially in Monterey, have so inflamed the Mexican populace that United States customs officials have received orders, they admitted today, to confiscate any papers that tended to incite race hatred.

One local Mexican paper today reproduced an article published in Pueblo, Mexico, saying that General Scott, United States chief of staff, had advised Villa to attack Nuevo Laredo and force intervention by the United States. A Monterey paper published an appeal to Mexicans to rise and recover portions of the United States formerly governed by Mexico.

"Keep on!" he said. "Keep on tellin' who yo' is and whuh yo' cum fum, and bime-by I'll git stuck on yo' and hug yo' wid dese ice tongs."

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## BIG INCREASE IN STATE TAXES

### Davidson's Increase Fifteen Per Cent, Seventy-Nine Counties Get Increase—Only One Reduced.

The assessment of real estate in Davidson County is to be raised 15 per cent.

The State Tax Commission, sitting as a board of equalization at Raleigh, September 4, made an order raising the assessed value of all lands in 79 counties, reducing it in one county, and approving the assessment as already made in 20 counties.

It is provided in the order that no lands belonging to a bank nor the lands of a railway company, outside of its right of way, shall be raised for 1915, but shall be raised after this year. This is because these lands have already been embraced in the assessments of these corporations by the commission itself for this year.

The following are the increases in the counties nearest Davidson:

County	Increase per cent
Forayth	10
Alleghany	20
Ash	20
Wilkes	15
Guilford	15
Rockingham	15
Davie	5

The assessment of property in Surry, Stokes and Yadkin were approved and these counties were not raised.

Pasquotank was the only county in the State reduced, and it was only reduced 5 per cent.

### MR. FLETCHER TO PRACTICE LAW

Mr. A. L. Fletcher, who for the past five years has been editor of The Dispatch, will resume the practice of law, making Raleigh his home. Just previous to his coming to Lexington he had been editor of the Durham Sun. He had also done newspaper work in Raleigh.

During the five years he has been in Lexington he has won many friends in town and county and they will regret to learn that he is to leave here. They will wish for him the very greatest success.

Col. Varner has not yet announced who will take Mr. Fletcher's place.

## GREAT REVIVAL IS NOW IN PROGRESS

### Evangelist E. C. Gleen is Conducting the Meeting—All Business Houses to Close During the Hours of Service.

The union meeting that began one week ago last Sunday continues with constantly increasing interest.

Evangelist E. C. Gleen arrived Saturday night and preached his first sermon Sunday afternoon. Sunday night the largest congregation that ever gathered in Lexington for a religious service assembled at the Methodist Church, where the services, being held while the weather is unfavorable for meeting in the tent. Every available space in the main body of the church, in the Sunday school department and the galleries was occupied. At least a thousand people were packed into the church and quite a large number were turned away for lack of room.

Mr. Gleen is preaching great sermons conducting the meetings in his accustomed successful manner. He is an evangelist who has met with great success during the last fifteen years that he has given to this work.

A committee composed of Capt. Robbins, Jule C. Smith, D. K. Cecil and O. V. Woolsey visited all the stores, law offices, banks and other places of business Monday morning and secured an agreement that all places of business should close during the hour of the morning service, which is from 9:30 to 10:30. These business men are to be commended most highly for this helpful action in the interest of the great religious campaign now on in Lexington.

### WHIPPING CONVICTS UPHELD BY WAKE CO. MAGISTRATE

Wake County has had its stand for whipping unruly convicts sustained in a jury trial before a justice of the peace. The case was the indictment of R. A. Ross, convict guard for the county, who, under instructions from the county commissioners, applied ten lashes to a negro as something of a "foretaste of what was coming" if he did not obey the officers of the camp. The indictment was by Rev. Sidney Love, superintendent for the State Prisoners' Aid Society, who are seeking to end the whipping of convicts entirely.

## GERMAN SUBMARINE TORPEDO HESPERIAN

### An Allen Line Steamer Bound From Liverpool for Montreal—Two Americans Aboard, but No One is Killed—Vessel Was Armed.

London, Sept. 5.—The Allen Line steamer Hesperian, with 350 passengers, bound from Liverpool for Montreal, was attacked without warning by a German submarine off the Irish coast at dusk Saturday evening. Although the torpedo found its mark the vessel remained afloat and, according to a statement issued by the company tonight, every soul aboard was saved.

No submarine was seen, and probably it was too dark to observe the wake of a torpedo, but all the passengers and crew who arrived at Queens-town in rescue steamers today agreed the attack was made by a German undersea boat, basing their opinion on the force of the shock and the great volume of water thrown into the air.

The force of the explosion was tremendous, and of the passengers landed at Queenstown, many of them scantily clad, about 20 were injured. There were no American passengers on board so far as the American Consul could learn tonight, but two members of the crew were American citizens and they were both saved. About 30 wounded Canadian soldiers going home to recuperate, were aboard. Most of the other passengers were Canadian or English.

The torpedo struck the Hesperian in the forward engine room, and the ship immediately began to settle by the head. Captain Main ordered the passengers and crew into the boats, but with his officers, remained on the bridge, although at that time he must have felt sure his ship would go down.

The discipline was perfect, but one of the boats, the falls of which became jammed, capsized, and those in it were thrown into the water. In the darkness some confusion prevailed,

but all were picked up and, with other passengers and the crew, were transferred to the rescue steamers, which arrived in answer to wireless calls for assistance.

### MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO AID COTTON PRODUCERS

Washington, Sept. 4.—Formal orders designating the Federal Reserve banks of Richmond, Atlanta and Dallas as Government depositories were signed today at the Treasury Department and preparations made for dispatching from United States sub-treasuries \$15,000,000 in gold to be used in aiding cotton producers. Each bank is to receive \$5,000,000, and the shipments probably will start tonight on their journey. Treasury officials declined as a precautionary measure, to tell what sub-treasuries will furnish the gold.

The Interstate Commerce Commission on September 4 suspended from September 7 until January 5, 1916, the operation of the proposed increased rates on brass beds, spring beds, metallic couch frames, woven wire mattresses and cots and cribs, straight or mixed carloads, from all North Carolina territory to Muskogee and other Oklahoma points. The proposed changes would have advanced the rate from 65 to 69 cents per hundred pounds.

### LESSON OF MOONLIGHT SCHOOLS

The State is forging ahead in its efforts to wipe out illiteracy and five hundred more teachers who work all day in the schools with the children, have volunteered to work at night free of charge with the illiterate adults who are ignorant of the enlightening power of the twenty-six little letters in our alphabet.

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## ROAD BOARD RESCINDS ITS FORMER ORDER

### PROF. TAFT, IN ADDRESS, ADVOCATES PREPAREDNESS

#### Germany's Acquiescence to United States' Contentions Should Be Cause of Profound Rejoicing.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 2.—William Howard Taft advocated preparedness for war and detailed means for its accomplishment in an address today at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, delivered at "Taft Day" exercises.

In ceremonies preceding the address, Mr. Taft, using the silver spade with which, while President, he broke ground for the exposition four years ago, planted a California redwood tree in "Taft Circle."

He also reviewed portions of the United States coast artillery at the Presidio of San Francisco. A silver loving cup, inscribed "In grateful remembrance of his unflinching friendship and the fulfillment of his confidence that 'San Francisco knows how'" was presented to him by the exposition officials.

In beginning his address Mr. Taft declared Germany's acquiescence to the United States contention for the rights of non-combatants on commercial liners "should be the cause of profound rejoicing by every patriotic American and the occasion for congratulations to the President."

"It must relieve the strain between the two countries. The shadow of a serious breach passes," he continued. "It should not, however, lead our people away from their duty of reasonable preparation. The incident, though closed, as we all hope, except as to indemnity for the lives of those already drowned, shows how near, as neutral, we are to the war. It shows that we must be careful to insist upon our rights as such and that we ought to be reasonably prepared to defend against their invasion by any belligerent Powers."

Summing up what he regarded as necessary preparations, he said:

"First, an increase of our navy tonnage as rapidly as possible by 30 per cent and an immediate increase of the personnel of the navy by nearly 20,000 sailors and 900 officers.

"Second, an increase in ammunition for our great coast defense guns, and the making of a few 16-inch guns, and the completion of the defense of the Chesapeake at Cape Henry. In addition an increase of 10,000 trained coast artillerymen and 600 officers to man the coast defense properly.

"Third, an increase in our regular mobile army of 50,000 troops and a quadrupling of the supply of educated military officers. We should also adopt a reduced term of the enlistment with inducements to the formation of a reserve of trained men.

"The program I have proposed," he continued, "modest as it is, will increase the annual total of the army and navy appropriations by perhaps \$150,000,000 for each of three years and probably more. This leaves \$325,000,000 at least, of necessary income to be provided for by new legislation of Congress over and above what existing law would probably produce. This could be partly made up by the renewal of the war tax and of the sugar tax, yielding say \$125,000,000. There would be left from \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000 of a deficit still to be provided for either by cutting down expenses or by additional taxation."

Mr. Taft suggested that expenses could be cut down by giving authority and responsibility to one body of men to consider the whole field of government income and expenditure. He added:

"The imposition of a small tax on small incomes asks a sacrifice from our patriotic citizens that they will be willing to make if our politicians have the courage to impose it and explain the imperative necessity. The payment of a tax, however, small, makes a man a better citizen. To assume that the plain people are unwilling to pay increased taxes in case of National need is to distrust them and to ascribe to them the lowest motive for political aims.

"Let us exclude politics from the question of preparedness. Let us accept the cost. Let us insist that Congress and the administration man-

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### For Location of Winston Road and Orders Location Along or Near Old Road—Bonds Estimated to Indemnify Board and to Secure Necessary Rights of Way—New Road From Lexington to Reedy Creek.

The Board of Road Commissioners of Davidson County wrestled all day yesterday with the proposition of the location of the road between Lexington and Welcome.

After a full hearing of the whole proposition, the Board finally rescinded its previous order, locating the road on the east side of the Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad, and agreed to locate the road along or near the present roadbed, making grade crossing at Foster Hankins' and crossing on the present Michael's bridge, practically following the old road with a grade crossing at Welcome.

### Will Install Automatic Bell.

It was agreed by President Fries of the Winston-Salem Railway Co. that his company would put electric bells at the grade crossings. In view of the fact that it is his desire to install the very best system of automatic bells, so as to lessen all danger to a minimum, he asked for a few days in which to complete his part of this agreement.

### \$500 Bond to Indemnify.

In consideration of the above agreement on the part of the Board, there was filed with the Board the following bond, signed by G. F. Hartman, J. E. Williamson and D. T. Fritts: "The position whose names are signed hereto, mutually and severally agree and offer to hold the County of Davidson free from all cost whatsoever in-

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### TALKING PEACE THROUGHOUT EUROPE

#### Officials Keenly Interested in Informal Peace Discussions—Claims More Information on Peace Overtures.

London, Sept. 4.—In the absence of any marked change in the fighting on any of the battle fronts, the English public turns to the diplomatic maneuvers in the near east and to the continued rumors of a tentative peace effort.

It is officially announced at Nish that the final draft of the Serbian answer to the quadruple entente is ready and will be presented soon. It is not hoped that Serbia grant to her late enemy all the territorial concessions in Macedonia she asks for, and advices from Sofia indicate that unless the whole of Macedonia is granted there will be little chance to reform the Balkan-league. Compliance with the request from the Central powers is for a neutrality which will permit the transportation of arms across to Turkey.

It is said that officials are keenly interested in the informal peace discussion, it being claimed that officials have more information on the so-called "proper peace overtures" than the general public who regard these overtures as premature. Yet these reports are regarded as straws showing which way the wind is blowing.

With diplomats seeking to extend the sphere of the war, and peace rumors floating in the great struggle continues along all fronts without the slightest cessation.

The Russians are fighting along the Dniepr road seeking to protect the routes to Petrograd. They have developed a counter attack near Vilna which is evidently intended to threaten the right flank of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army.

Washington, Sept. 4.—The efforts of Pope Benedict to bring about peace in Europe was the subject of conversation with diplomatic and governmental officials here today. Press dispatches from Rome quote the Pope as saying that the United States is now in position to address both groups on the matter of peace in the possible hopes of taking steps to bring about a peace.