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WILL SEIZE THE

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## ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

# clared the President to the MEXICAN PORTS sentatives the House.

WILL OPERATE VIGOROUSLY AGAINST HUERTA.

President Wilson Went Before Conthe American Flag-Must Not be a War on Mexican People Says the their own government. President-Ports Will be Seized.

By tomorrow the American fleet permission to use the army and navy to force Huerta. The House passed necessary resolution last night and the Senate will pass it today. The following dispatches give the news of the situation.

SUNDAY'S DEVELOPMENTS. Washington Dispatch, April 19th.

Gen. Victoriano Huerta, provisional president of Mexico, fintly refused tonight to accede to the unconditional demands of the United States that Tampico with a whaleboat and boat's he salute the American flag and Congress will be asked by President Wilson tomorrow for authority to use armed forces to uphold the honor and dignity of the Nation. Negotiations with Huerta over the

demand for a salute in reparation for the arrest of American bluejackets at Tampico on April 10 came to a close tonight at 6 o'clock, the last hour given by President Wilson for a favorable response from the Mexican dictator. The final word of Huerta to Charge O'Shaughnessy was a refusal to comply, unless the United States would guarantee in writing that his salute would be returned.

President Wilson at midnight was on his way to Washington from White Sulphur Springs, preparing to read a message to Congress in joint session as early as it can be arranged tomorrow.

In the meantime American war fleets were moving down both coasts on their way to Mexican waters to carry out the President's plan for reprisal

#### WILL SEIZE PORTS.

The crisis thus reached dose not mean that there will be a formal declaration of war because the United States could not declare war against a Government which it does not recognize. President Wilson will seek forces into Mexico to seize first the ports of Tampico and Vera Cruz and

sobe faced throng of Senators and Repre-sentatives which packed the hall of "This movement can, I earnestly

hope, in no circumstances be forced into war with the people of Merico. ne, as the result of his (Huerta's)

attitude of personal resentment togress Yesterday and Asked Per-gress Yesterday and Asked Permission to Use the Navy to Coerce those who adhere to him and give Huerta, the Latter Having Refused him support or our object would be to set up again their own laws and "There can in what we do be no

thought of aggression or of aggrandizement. We seek to maintain the have been refused, and no method under Admiral Badger will be ready dignity and authority of the United to begin landing forces at Tampico. The program of President Wilson seems to be to take possession of the custom houses at Tampico and Vera the United States and wherever else Cruz at once. Yesterday the Presi-dent went before congress and asked mankind."

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. "Gentlemen of the Congress:

'It is my duly to call your attenion to a situation which has arisen in our dealings with General Vic-toriano Huerta at Mexico City which calls for action, and to ask for your advice and co-operation in acting up-On the minih of April a payon it. master of the U. S. S. Dolphin land-ed at the Iturbide bridge landing at crew to take off certain supplies needed by his ship and while en-gaged in loading the boat was arrested by an officer and squad of men of the army of General Huerta. Neither the paymaster nor anyone of the boat's crew was armed. Two of the men were in the boat when the arrest was made and were obliged to leave it and submit to being taken into custody, notwithstanding the fact that the boat carried, both at her bow and her stern, the flag of the United States. The officer who made the arrest was proceeding up one of the streets of the town with his prisoner when met by an officer of higher authority, who ordered him to return to the landing and await orders; and within an hour and a half from the time of the arrest orders were recived from the commander of the Huertista forces at Tampico for the release of the pay-master and his men. The release was followed by apologies from the

commander and later by an experssion of regret by General Huerta himself. "General Huerta urged that martial law obtained at the time at Tam-

pico; that orders had been issued that no one should be allowed to land at the Iturbide bridge; and that our sailors had no right to land there. Our naval commanders at such prohibition; and even if they had been, the only justifiable course have been to request the paymaster lodge a protest with the commanding officer of the fleet. Admiral Mayo regarded the arrest as so serious an affront that he was not satisfied with the apologies but demanded that the flag of the United States be saluted with special ceremony by the military

MR. STACK RESIGNS.

Tenders Resignation as Solicitor to Governor and Will Not Ask for Reelection-Only Wanted Endorsement of His Record.

To the Democrats of the Thirteenth Judicial District:

Recently I made known to my friends that I would appreciate an endorsement of my official record as solicitor, believing at the time that the people would be permitted to Huerta, the Latter Having Refused to Make Reparation for Insults to ries in every county in the district and believed that they would of course be ordered. But, in most of

the counties, primaries for solicitor has been provided whereby the peo not care to enter into any scramble tions and I, therefore, ask my friends to consider me no longer in connection with the nomination for that office. When I accepted the office for so

licitor, the district was a large one with only one Recorder's court in it. Since then the district has been reduced in size and every county but one now has a Recorder's court These courts have so reduced the moluments of the office that the fees do not compensate even for the time which the office requires. Its duties are almost as burdensome as they ever were, and they so interfere with my civil practice that I do not feel justified in holding the office any For these reasons, I have longer. forwarded to the Governor my nation to take effect July 1st, 1914. I shall finish my spring courts so that my successor can begin with the fall terms

I thank my friends throughout the district for their many courtesies their confidence and their support. A. M. STACK.

Monroe, N. C.' April 20, 1914. (Mr. Stack has made a fine record as solicitor. He was appointed by

Governor Kitchin to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Robinson, and then was elected.) therefore, felt it my duty to sustain Admiral Mayo in the whole of his demand and to insist that the flag of the United States should be saluted in such a way as to indicate a new

spirit and attitude on the part of the Huertistas "Such a salute General Huerta has refused, and I have come to ask your approval and support in the course I now purpose to pursue.

WANTS NO WAR.

"This government can, I earnestly hope, in no circumstances be forced into war with the people of Mexico. Mexico is torn by civil strife. If we authority, however, to land armed the port had not been notified of any are to accept the tests of its own by all the papers of Union and adjoinconstitution, it has no government. ing counties. General Huerta has set his power up open to the local authorities would in the City of Mexico, such as it is, without right and by methods for and his crew to withdraw and to which there can be no justification. Only part of the country is under his control. If armed conflict should unhappily come as a result of his attitude of personal resentment towards the United States, we should be fighting only General Huerta and those who adhere to him and give

wisely

sequence except in close conference

and co-operation with both the Sen-

ate and House. I, therefore, come to

ask your approval that I should use

A Union County Man.

An Old Soldier Thinks a Book Should Be Prepared Telling of

to Copy. Honor thy father and thy mother

WOMEN OF CONFEDERACY.

is an injunction next of kin to that of loving the Lord thy God with all thy soul, mind and strength. Both thes commands are of divine authority and we shall do well if we heed them. This much by way of introduction to my subject-

THE WOMEN OF THE CONFEDER-ACY.

I can think of no class of human beings more deserving or more wor thy of the highest honor than those noble wives and mothers and sisters of the period of that awful bloody conflict between the North and the South, and I know of no better way to do them such honor than to per-petuate their names, their noble deeds, their patriotism, their faith, zeal and fortitude and courage in fit and appropriate history, so that com ing generations may fully appreciate the poble part they acted in that awful drama in defense of their home and their country and the common interest. I look upon it as a duty which their survivors owe to these grand old women to undertake, at once, this most worthy and commendable task If the thrilling and pathetic experiances and reminiscences incident to that trying time were put into book form they would make a volume most interesting and instructive reading, more like fiction than fact, more like romance than reality. A book that would meet with popular favor ev-erywhere. I believe, too, that a small profit on the sale of such a

work would amply repay all expense incident to such an enterprise. What are we going to do about it? For my own part, I will say if there is no such history in existence, there ought to be, and the sooner the effort is made the better. The time for gathering the necessary material is short. Soon there will be none left to tell the stories. I am a Confederate vet-

eran, saw three years of active ser vice under Lee, was at Appomattox at the close; I have none but a com-mon interest in this matter; had no mother during the war but a step mother who did her part well; suffer ed as others suffered, and would gladly contribute her experiences to this cause. I am proud of my country, love my people, and wish to see justice done to all. Will not the U. D. C.'s bestir themselves in an effort to accomplish this most worthy and

commendable deed? Would be glad to have the opinion and to know the sentiment of some of their active and progressive members. I would be delighted and highly

gratified to have this article copied

BARN AND STOCK BURNED. Death of Mr. John C. Fletcher.

Mr. J. C. Fletcher died at his home in Monroe at 6:20 this morning from the effects of a second stroke of pa-Their Services-Asks Other Papers ralysis, having been enfeebled by a first stroke several months ago. Mr. Fletcher was born at West

ville, S. C., May 14th, 1862, and was therefore 52 years old. As a young man Mr. Fletcher came to Monroe and on May 1st, 1884, was happily married to Miss Anetta Ramsey, laughter of the late Dr. Ramsey. To this union were born seven children, two dying in infancy. The five who are left to mourn the loss of a father re Mrs. J. Y. Jenkins of Chicago, Marie and Master Rob Fletcher of this place.

After coming to Monroe Mr. Fletcher engaged in the hotel busithe popular proprietor of the Stewart House, now known as the Contral Hotel. After going out of the hotel husiness he entered the cotion ind insurance business. He was prorietor of the Fletcher Cafe until a rom active life. For a number of had it well provided with feed. ears Mr. Fletcher was prominent in church and social life. He was a warm hearted, genial man, well mown and liked by his asociates. there about eleven o'clock. His health broke last December a year ago, when on the third of that nonth he suffered a stroke of paral- that had asembled. He partially recovered from 818. this and on Sunday, the 12th inst.,

street at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning by Rev. D. M. Austin of Charlotte.

Together with his family Mr. Fletcher leaves two sisters, Mes-Fletcher of Westville and Capt. B. T. Fletcher of this place.

#### GOOD MORAL STATUS.

Wingate Folks Don't Curse Nor Drink-Many Live Bits of News About the Village.

Correspondence of The Journal. Watch Wingate Widen!

No sickness at all to report this week Mr. A. F. Green, who recently sold

his house and lot is preparing to erect a handsome cottage on E. Center st., adjoining the lot of Mrs. Joplin.

Uncle 'Bob' Gaddy is still in the lead in farm matters. He took the initiative by planting cotton seed this morning. Uncle Bob is somewhat of an eccentric, but he is coming along anyway.

Man Burned Mr. G. W. Smith Out Almost While Being Looked at-

Three Mules, Two Cows and Many Implements Lost-Not Half Covered with Insurance.

Last Saturday night about eight 'clock the large barn and stable of Mr. G. W. Smith in New Salem townhip was burned, and the singular thing about it is that the fire was set to it almost in the presence of Mr. Smith himself who had just returned from Marshville and was unhitching his horse at one end of the Messrs. Tom Fletcher of Atlania, barn when the fire broke out at the John Fletcher of Charlotte and Miss other end. At the same time Mr. Smith's son was sitting on the plazza

of the house in front of the barn. The fire was started in a lot of straw near one end and near where the ness and for a number of years was mules were. Before much could be done the fire had spread so fast that three fine mules, two cows, and lot of farm machiners were hurned Beside these larger itoms there were Innumerable other things lost. The barn itself was one of the largest in few months before his death, when the county, and Mr. Smith being an failing health forced him to retire excellent farmer and stock raiser.

Mr. G. S. Enscore, who lives a mile south of Monroe and keeps bloodhounds, was phoped for and got The dogs took a trail and followed it off and back into the midst of the crowd

Mr. Smith had insurance to the extent of one thousand and fifty dolwas internally stricken, from which he died. Funeral services will be conduct-balf covered. Mr. Smith's neighbors ed from the residence on Crawford gathered in yesterday in the usual Union county style and put up a tem-porary building in place of the barn to be used till he can rebuild.

### Financial Report.

dames E. R. Sowell and Sallie Rollins of Jefferson, three brothers. Messrs. of the Union Association have cou-J. R. Fletcher of Hartsville, David tributed the following amounts to missions during the quarter ending Feb. 28, 1914:

W. M. S. Mill Creek, \$ 8.00
W. M. S. Hopewell, 5.15
W. M. S. Marshville, 35.00
W. M. S. Shiloh, 10.31
W. M. S. Monroe, 95.00
R. A. Monroe, 8.20
Sunbeams, Wingate, 4.60
W. M. S. West Monroe, 7.00
MRS. F. B. ASHCRAFT.

A Long Standing Prisoner Pardoned. Raleigh News and Observer. Governor Craig yesterday pardon-

ed John Chandler, a white convict, who was sentenced \$7 years ago in Mitchell county, and sent to the penentiary ten years for larceny.

After a year Chandler escaped. He ras then eighteen or twenty years Less than a year ago he was old. caught again and returned to North Carolina. Chandler had brokekn in-

Governor

the railroad trestle leading from Vera Cruz toward Mexico City.

The President directed that a Cabnet meeting be be called for 10:30 o'clock tomorrow when final arrangements for a pacific blockade of Mexican ports and other steps in the President's program will be deliberated.

The breach that finally has come with Mexico will make it impossible, it was declared tonight on high authority, for the United States to further protect foreigners in that Republic and foreign goverenments have been notified of the situation in tory of the United States; but had it this regard. The President, it was declared, not only would ask Congress for authority to use the armed forces to uphold the honor of the Nation, but also for an appropriation, a deficiency already having been created because of expensive naval operations in anticipation of Huerta's defiance of this Government.

#### HUERTA'S REASON FOR NOT SALUTING FLAG.

Mexico City Dispatch, April 19th.

Senor Portillo Rojas, Foreign Minister, announced tonight that it would be impossible to agree to the demand of the United States that the flag of that country be unconditionally saluted, because that flag was insulted, because it was not flying from the launch and because the marines were set free and that the officer responsible for the arrest was himself arrested and held for trial.

The Foreign Minister further announced that the Mexican Government would agree that both flags be saluted, the American flag first and then the Mexican flag, this arrangement to be made by a protocol signed by the American Charge d'Affairs, Nelson O'Shaughnessy, and the Mexican Foreign Minister.

The United States Government, Senor Portillo declared, had refused permission to Charge O'Shaughnessy to sign such a protocol, and demanded an unconditional salute by Mexico. which Mexico felt was incompatible with her dignity.

"Mexico has yielded as much her dignity will not permit. Mexico trusts to the fair-mindedness and spirit of justice of the American peo-

Washington Dispatch, April 20th.

President Wilson today answered Huerta's befiance by asking Congress the United States to obtain from General Huerta and his adherents the fullest recognition of the rights and tives should go much further, that dignity of the United States."

any appropriation money at this time nor for authority to call out the

commander of the port. "The incident cannot be regarded would be only to restore to the peoas a trivial one, especially as two of ple of the distracted republic the opthe men were taken from the boat itportunity to set up again their own self-that is to say, from the terrilaws and their own government. THE FEELING OF FRIENDSHIP. stood by itself it might have been attributed to the ignorance or arrogance of a single officer. Unfortunately it was not an isolated case. A series of incidents have recently occurred which cannot but create the impression that the representatives of General Huerta were willing to go out of their way to show 'disregard for the dignity and rights of this goved from doing has proceeded from ernment and felt perfectly safe in doing what they pleased, making free to show in many ways their irritation and contempt. A few days after the incident at Tampico an orderly from the U. S. S. Minnesota was arrested at Vera Cruz while ashore in uniform to obtain the ship's mail and was for a time thrown into jail. An

official dispatch from this government to its embassy at Mexico was withheld by the authorities of the telegraphic service and peremptorily demanded by our charge d'affaires in person. So far as I can learn such wrongs and annoyances have been suffered to occur only against representatives of the United States. have heard of no complaint from other governments of similar treatment. Subsequent explanations and formal apologies did not and could not alter the popular impression, which it is possible it had been the object of the Huertista authorities to create, that the government of the United States was being singled out and might be singled out with impunity, for slights and affronts in retaliation for its refusal to recognize the pretensions of General Huerta to be regarded as the constitutional provisional president of the republic of Mexico.

#### THE DANGER PRESENTED.

"The manifest danger of such a situation was that such offenses might grow from bad to worse until something happened of so gross and assembled in joint session for ap-proval to "use the armed forces of and inevitably to armed conflict. It both in the United States and wherever else it may be employed for the was necessary that the apologies of benefit of mankind." General Huerta and his representa-Albemarle Enterprise.

they should be such as to attract the The President did not ask for attention of the whole population to their significance, and such is to im-

Respectfully submitted H. P. MEIGS, Co. I. 53 N. C. Vols. Wingate, N. C.

## Rehoboth School Closing.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

The school at Rehoboth closed on last Friday with a pienic and Farmers' Union rally. There was a large crowd of patrons and friends out for the occasion and enjoyed it. The him their support, and our object morning was devoted to exercises by the school children. These exercises were good, especially the singing, and showed much preparation on the part of the children and much faithful training on the part of the teach "But I earnestly hope that war is After the morning exercises not now in question. I believe that I the crowd repaired to the long table speak for the American people when under the oaks in the yard, which was soon loaded with good picnic I say that we do not desire to control in any degree the affairs of our edibles. When the picnicers had all sister republic. Our feeling for the eaten to their satisfaction one could Hope the farmers people of Mexico is one of deep and sarcely miss anything from the table. genuine friendship, and everything that we have so far done or refrain-On returning to the school house after dinner the first thing was an announcement that the teachers, Miss Lessie Plyler of Prospect and our desire to help them, not to hinder or embarrass them. We would Miss Kate Marsh of Wadesboro had not even wish to exercise the good been elected for another term. Then offices of friendship without their the Farmers' Union leaders took welcome and consent. The people of charge of the program and there fol-Mexico are entitled to settle their lowed a strong address by Dr. H. Q. own domestic affairs in their own Alexander, president of the North way, and we sincerely desire to re- Carolina branch of this organization. spect their right. The present situ-ation need have none of the grave Union has done, and of what it has implications of interference if we yet to do. He emphasized the imdeal with it promptly, firmly and portance of diversified farming and pitality. A warm welcome awaits Governor Blease Volunteers for War.

scientific co-operative marketing. Excellent music for the occasion "No doubt I could do what is necwas furnished by Rehoboth string essary in the circumstances to force respect for our government without band. There was a ball game in the recourse to the congress, and yet not afternoon between Waxhaw and Reexceed my constitutional powers as hoboth, resulting in a score of 21 to 3 for the town fellows. president; but I do not wish to act in a matter possibly of so grave con-

The day was a most enjoyable one all around and for both the school and the Union was a good occasion. ter he likeks us, and the better he

#### **Presbyterian Church Notes.**

the armed forces of the United States The Sunday services were largely in such ways and to such an extent attended. In the evening the popu as may be necessary to obtain from lar bible study sermons were contin-General Huerta and his adherents ued, the theme being "The Day of the fullest recognition of the rights Judgment."

and dignity of the United States, even At the mid-week service on Wednesday evening reports will be amidst the distressing conditions now unhappily obtaining in Mexico. read of the work of each of the organizations connected with the A report will also be made church. by the representative to Presbytery. All members of the congregation are urged to be present thereby showing their interest in the work of our church.

There will be no service on Sunday morning next as the pastor will be absent preaching the commencement sermon at Bain Academy. The Sunday school will meet as usual and there will be the popular Bible study

Concord spent Easter in Albemarle Mr. Wood, manager of the Monroe time nor for authority to call out the press upon General Huerta himself the necessity of seeing to it that no "There can be no thought of ag- gression or aggrandizement," de- professed regrets should arise. I his influence felt in Cabarrus.

Our milling plant is running about to the store of W. S. Hyams, in Bak-full time ginning, sawing, grinding ersville, and stolen goods and monor dressing lumber. ey. The judge who tried the prison

Racine Journal.

Let me say a few more things er and the solicitor who prosecuted about Wingate's moral status: Mr. him are dead. But Mr. Hyams is W. M. Perry, a prominent citizen and still living and strongly recommends town official, made the statement, the pardon. Many other good citicasually, that he had not heard a zens are doing the same. "curse word" used by any one on the Craig thinks the punishment has streets of Wingate for 6 months or been sufficient.

more and that he had seen but one person during this time that showed symptoms of an over dose of snake bite cure. Some other prominent business men, who heard nothing of this, made substantially the same remarks. This is said in defense of the folks all about Wingate. O, we are coming some!

Fertilizer! Fertilizer! It's a mortal sight. There must have been a hundred wagons on our streets Saturday morning in quest of the stuff. don't mean to plant both sides of the earth in cot-

ton this year. It is a fact worthy of note that our farmers are better sup plied with efficient work stock than at any time within the history of Wingate. Sleek, fat, lively ani-

Our merchants are doing a larger volume of business than ever before

and touch elbows with our people and share their most sumptuous hos-

you. O. P. T. had the delightful pleas ure of greeting our genial and clever bank president, Mr. R. A. Morrow, on the streets Saturday. Of course Mr. Morrow's visits are largely of a business nature, but his manner shows that he enjoys them. It's this way: the more he sees of us the bet-

ter he likes us, and we feel the same toward him. O. P. TIMIST.

#### Chief Witness Arrested for Same Offense.

John Greene, son of Mr. Tom Greene of Marshville, was tried here general, three colonels and all of the in the Recorder's court last week for officers and enlisted men of the Naselling whiskey. witnesses against him was one Char-lie Thompson, who had been in ready to defend the United States, Marshville about six months. Thompson stepped down from the any orders that you as President may witness stand papers were served on issue and will go to Mexico or else him for the same offense, committed where at once if needed and I will at Barto, Fla. He had stood his go at the head of the South Carolina

trial at Barto, was convicted and sentenced to serve six months at hard labor. An appeal was made to a higher court, and some parties went on his bond. The man Thompson then skipped. When located the bondsmen sent for him. He went to begin his trial yesterday.

About a month ago Thompson was married to Mrs. Teresa Tyson of Wingate. Mrs. Thompson now awaits her husband's return.

While playing in the yard of his home, near North Point, Frank Chumick, ten years old, became badly frightened at the honking of a flock of geese, which suddenly appeared around the corner of the house, and died shortly afterwards as a result of convulsions. The attending physician declared death was due heart trouble, superinduced by excessive fright.

Geese Scared Boy to Death.

#### Death of a Child. Written for The Journal.

The little nineteen months old son

of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Helms of North Monroe died Saturday after an illness of several months. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. R. H. Kennington Sunday afternoon at 3 Commencement time is nearing. o'clock and the remains were buried The folks are doing their best to in the Salem cemetery. Our sympamake it a success. Everybody come thy goes out to the bereaved parents.

Columbia, S. C., Dispatch, April 19th. Governor Blease tonight wired President Wilson offering the services of the entire National Guard of South Carolina and as many other men as are needed for service in Mexico or anywhere that the President may desire to send them. The Governor says that when the call comes to go to war he will head the troops in person. His telegram follows:

Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States,

Washington, D. C.

The commander-in-chief, brigader One of the chief tional Guard of South Carolina and As and are prepared and willing to obey troops wherever the call is made.

COLE L. BLEASE, Governor

#### What the Weather Man Says.

For North and South Carolina Fair Tuesday, Wednesday fair, warmer in interior.

There will be a singing at Faulks church next Sunday at 2:30. The public is cordially invited. "Gospel Hosannahs" will be the boo used.

"There can in what we do be no thought of aggression or of selfish aggrandizement. We seek to maintain the dignity and authority of the United States only because we wish always to keep our great influence unimpaired for the use of liberty,

Attorney T. D. Maness and wife of in the evening.

mals is the rule. Good sign. in the history of our town.