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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

## WAR NEWS FROM MEXICO.

Review of the Developments in Mexico, Day by Day, Since Friday, Washington, May 1.—That a permanent peace with Mexico is not expected to result from the present mediation negotiations was clearly indicated today when it was requested that the appropriations in the army bill, totaling upwards of a hundred million dollars, be made available at once. The bill is now in the hands of the President and carries the appropriation as being available after June 1st. A joint resolution, introduced in the House by Chairman Hay of the House Military Affairs Committee, makes this fund available without delay. A similar rider is expected to be attached to the Naval appropriation bill now under the consideration in Congress. This action is in line with all precaution being taken by this government.

## O'SHAUGHNESSY PREPARING TO COME TO WASHINGTON.

It is authoritatively learned that Charge O'Shaughnessy is now at Vera Cruz expecting to return to the United States within the next few days for the purpose of conferring with the President and with State officials.

## HUERTA IS STRENGTHENING PRISONERS AND STRENGTHENING.

In a desperate effort to unite all political factions and organize his defense to resist the United States, Huerta has released all political prisoners in Mexico City. According to advices received here this has been done, and the list of those released includes the men whom the Dictator threw into prison for opposing him as members of the Mexican Congress.

## AMERICAN REPORTED SHOT.

The United States government made a strenuous effort to obtain a confirmation or a denial of the report that Dr. Edward F. Ryan, of Scranton, Pa., was to be shot today by Mexican Federals at Zacatecas because of being a spy for the United States Government. The administration admits being much concerned over the matter. Dr. Ryan has been the confidential agent for this government for some time and no attempt has been made to conceal this fact, no more so than in the case of Mr. O'Shaughnessy. The state department in communicating with the Brazilian ambassador told the minister that Dr. Ryan must be protected at all hazards.

## AMERICANS IN MEXICO CITY.

Fifteen hundred Americans remain in Mexico City instead of eight hundred reported, according to a dispatch from Consul Canada, who said that he was reliably informed that these were Americans from outlying districts who had gathered in the capital city to be taken to Vera Cruz. Consul Canada said further that the Brazilian Ambassador and Admiral Cradock of the British navy, are arranging for transporting of these Americans to Vera Cruz. It is understood that no refugee trains had left since Wednesday night, but that another is being sent south. B. Wilson and J. Starr Hunt, the two Americans taken from trains, several days ago have reported their safety at Mexico City and say further that there appears no disposition to molest Americans.

## As It Looks in the Other End of the District.

(From The Scottish Chief.) We understand that Mr. R. F. Beasley has the support of many of the ablest and most influential gentlemen of Scotland and Richmond counties in his congressional campaign. \* \* \* he is giving an example to friends of the people in this, the sixth district, worthy of emulation. Joe Brown could have saved the party disgrace of having a nominee by committee elected, if he had the nerve of Beasley.

Mr. Beasley seems to be subject to the movements of another machine like unto that which has already completed its job and said that no man except the incumbent may be voted for in the "Democratic (God save the mark) primary" for the sixth district. Beasley was voted for in Lee county primaries and came dangerously near carrying the county.

A life congressional tenure is as objectionable as a President for life—and as foreign to a Republic as a House of Lords.

## FUNERAL SHIP EN ROUTE.

## Bodies of Seventeen Marines Killed in Street Fighting Left Vera Cruz Sunday.

Vera Cruz, May 3.—The bodies of 17 American bluejackets and marines killed in the street fighting during the occupation of Vera Cruz by the United States fleet, started on their way to New York today on board the cruiser Montana. Solemn honors were paid by the great assemblage of United States and foreign war vessels as the Montana departed.

The crews of the warships in full uniform lined the sides of the warships and as the Montana reached each one, the men stood at attention, the marine guards presented arms and the ship's bands played. One by one, the colors of the fighting craft sank to half mast as the Montana passed through a lane formed by divisions of the Atlantic fleet.

On shore during the Montana's passage out of the harbor, the flag over Brigadier General Frederick Funston's headquarters was half masted and was only raised again when the vessel had disappeared on the horizon.

## TRIBUTE TO GALLANT SOLDIER.

### J. M. Hough, His Captain, Writes of Philip Snipes.

Lancaster News.

Another grand old veteran of the great Cause has crossed the river. Philip Snipes, known by his comrades in the war as "Big-K," died at 2 o'clock yesterday near Tradesville. He was in his 93rd year, known as a private citizen, as a man of unbound generosity, known in the war as one of the bravest men who shouldered a musket in defence of his country. I speak advisedly when I say this; as one of his officers, I saw him perform deeds of valor that would try the mettle of Julius Caesar at Ream's Station, when his Company had been shot to pieces and run over by the Yankee cavalry. We reformed and drove back the enemy to their breastworks and found them so heavily mased that we halted and it looked like madness to go any further. A supreme moment often comes in the affairs of war, when the man of emergency is called for. As we lay on the ground under that falling fire, what must we do? To go forward looked like folly, to retreat would lose the day. The tension was awful. As I looked to my right, I saw a man of powerful build with a musket in hand, making for the enemy. Discarding danger, he had bid farewell to loved ones at home, to do or die depicted on his features. This was more than we could stand. Inspiration kindled in every breast and with that old Rebel yell which made the earth tremble, we rushed upon the forties and the last we saw of the Yankees was their heels. Do you ask who was that hero? None other than Philip Snipes of Captain Hough's Company K, Sixth South Carolina Cavalry. Peace to his ashes. The old type of manhood is fast passing away. Much more could be said but the foregoing is briefly given as a passing notice of my friend.

J. M. HOUGH.

## News About Wingate.

### Correspondence of The Journal.

Farmers are pushing ahead as rapidly as possible with their planting. Every available hand and mule are being pressed into service.

Mr. T. K. Helms, who recently sold his property in Wingate, will build and move out to his farm three miles north of town.

Mr. J. J. Perry is convalescing, but is still quite feeble.

Messrs. H. A. Redfern and G. M. Stewart are both slowly improving. They are cheerful and seem hopeful, bearing their afflictions with great fortitude.

Born on the 28th, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Perry. Glad to note that both the mother and little one are doing well.

Mr. W. A. Chaney has built another room to his present store house. Mr. Chaney will use one section for storing ice for the trade. Hope he will keep us all cool this summer.

We'd be mighty glad and thankful if the Seaboard officials would build us a waiting room in keeping with other features of our progressive little town. We are ashamed of the present little 4x6 dirty, filthy make shift, and if the Seaboard officials would look in it just once, they would think so too.

Mr. Frank Barrier and daughter of Concord, visited Dr. J. R. Jerome and family Thursday and Friday.

Guess Uncle Bob will have to employ Bro. Nash and his stump puller to get up that first cotton he planted. It will bring it up if anything will.

Sorry to chronicle the death on last Thursday of Willie, the twelve year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harrison Presson who lives on the Monroe road just above Lee's Lower Mill. The little fellow was under treatment for appendicitis and was thought to be doing well. His father was in Wingate on the morning of his son's death, but before reaching home he received the news of his son's death. The parents have the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of all their friends in this sad bereavement.

Mr. Fred Hamilton and wife of Jonesboro were visiting relatives in and about Wingate the last of the week.

Messrs. B. L. Wombie and T. J. Perry sold several head of beef cattle to parties in Winston-Salem. They have several more head yet, and are expecting another buyer Monday. These gentlemen are well pleased with their experience so far in feeding cattle in connection with farming.

Several veterans and others will go to Jacksonville to attend the Reunion of the Confederate veterans. May they have an exceedingly pleasant time.

O. P. TIMIST.

## Death of Mrs. A. A. Little.

Mrs. Ellen Little, wife of Mr. A. A. Little of Goose Creek township, died Sunday at 11 o'clock from a stroke of paralysis on Saturday. She had been in good health until that time and was about her work, until Saturday afternoon when she called her husband and told him that she was not feeling well and would be compelled to lie down. She never spoke again. Mrs. Little was the daughter of the late Mr. Alvis Bacon.

She leaves her husband and two daughters, Mrs. John Williams and Mrs. James Helms.

The funeral was held at Zion Monday.

Messrs. Bernard Crowell and Cull Austin, and Grady McNeely of Waxhaw, will return home from school Friday night.

## THREATENED WITH VIOLENCE.

### William J. Burns, Commonly Known As America's Greatest Detective, Threatened With Violence in Georgia.

Marretta, Ga., May 1.—William J. Burns, the famous detective, who won his laurels in connection with the famous International Structural Dynamiters case, was the center of an angry demonstration when he came here late today, presumably in connection with an investigation of the case of Leo M. Frank, the young factory superintendent of Atlanta under sentence of death for the murder of 14 year old Mary Phagan.

One of a large crowd that surrounded the detective as soon as his presence was discovered struck him in the face and threats of violence were made if he attempted to resist. Burns immediately went to a hotel while another detective, C. W. Burke, who accompanied him here, summoned deputy sheriffs to guard him.

This was the home of the murdered factory girl and many of her relatives still live here. Much feeling has been aroused by the detective's declaration that Frank was not guilty and that James Conley, a negro factory sweeper convicted as an accessory after the murder, alone was responsible for the crime.

Burns and Burke came here in an automobile and were at a garage when they were discovered and the demonstration started.

Burns left the city tonight for Atlanta.

As soon as the officers were notified of the demonstration against the detective, they went to the hotel where Burns had taken refuge. Judge Morris also hastened there and it was decided that it was best for the detective to leave the city for Atlanta as quickly as possible.

The crowd which had started the demonstration, together with others had by this time gathered in front of the hotel. An automobile was summoned and the detective, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Hicks and Judge Morris quickly entered it. Jeers and threats were shouted at Burns, and some threw eggs at him. One hit Judge Morris, but the detective was not struck. The automobile left the city at a high rate of speed.

Burke, the other detective, and the chauffeur who brought the two men here were guarded tonight to prevent possible violence.

## HUERTA READY TO RESIGN.

### Only Wants Chance to Get Out of Mexico on Foreign Warship.

Vera Cruz, May 3.—Persistent reports continue to circulate here that General Huerta intends retiring the Presidency of Mexico on condition that he be assured a safe conduct to a port and be placed on board a foreign warship.

It is declared in some Mexican circles here that Huerta was ready to resign a week ago, but was prevented by internal dissensions in his Cabinet.

## HOSTILE SENTIMENT GROWING.

The resignation of Jose Lopez Portillo Rojas, the Foreign Minister coupled with reports that there is a growing undercurrent of feeling in Mexico City against the Huerta government is interpreted here as fore-shadowing a change in the Federal capital.

Close observers here believe Senator Portillo's resignation may clear the way eventually for the appointment of a Foreign Minister who under the Mexican constitution, could succeed Huerta as president.

## Marriage of Miss Winchester and Mr. Doster.

### Correspondence of The Journal.

Last Sunday afternoon the Methodist parsonage at Weddington was the scene of a pretty wedding when Miss Rosalie Winchester and Mr. Grady Doster were united in holy wedlock by Rev. Seymore Taylor.

The wedding was a quiet affair but beautiful for its simplicity. The bridesmaids were Misses Lela and Addie Winchester and Amy House. They were beautifully attired in pink taffeta and carried bouquets of pink roses. The groomsmen were Messrs. Braxton Doster, Robert Howie and Clyde Winchester.

The bride was lovely in a white lace dress with hat and gloves to match and wore a large bouquet of white carnations.

Among the guests present from a distance, were Misses Annie Crowell and Jessie Morris of Indian Trail and Messrs Tom Doster and Frank Houston of Mineral Springs.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. J. H. Winchester of Wesley Chapel and is a lady of fine christian character and a good teacher. The groom is a worthy young man of good business qualities. Their many friends join in wishing them a happy and successful life. Mr. and Mrs. Doster left on the 4th for Laurinburg, where Mr. Doster will be in business.

J. O. M.

## Listing Special Tax.

I want to suggest to school committees in school districts where there is a special tax, to see that the special tax list is made out at the time the other property is listed, designating plainly all who are liable to taxation in the several special school districts, giving name, valuation of real and personal property, and whether or not liable for a poll. Make this list and leave it in the regular township book of the township in which the special tax district is located.

R. N. NISBET, Co. Supt.

## AMERICAN DYING IN PRISON.

### Byington, Clad in Rags, Losing His Mind From Ill Treatment and Neglect.

Nogales, Arizona, May 2.—On information brought here by refugees that James Byington, an American imprisoned nine months at Cuppas, Sonora, Mexico, without a trial, was slowly dying of neglect, another protest was sent today to the Constitutionalists authorities demanding his immediate release. According to the Americans who have been aroused by what they described as cruelties inflicted on Byington, former protests against his long imprisonment without a trial have been received with jeers by the Constitutionalists chiefs. Byington, who is an old man and a native of Boise, Idaho, is said to be losing his mind.

The charges against Byington, on which it is said he was imprisoned without trial since August, 1913, involves a shipment of ore from a mining claim.

## STARVING, CLAD IN RAGS.

The refugees report that the American is confined in a dark cell, clad in rags and half starved. They allege prison officials refused to permit him to receive food sent by Americans and that the prisoner, in consequence of his treatment and surroundings, is rapidly losing his mind.

It is said he located a mine claim near Cuppas and, on the assumption that papers legalizing the claim were on the way from Mexico City, prepared a car of ore for shipment. He was arrested on a charge that he had not established his claim. The Judge at Cuppas, in denying Byington an immediate trial, is said to have declared the value of the ore. That it is said, has not yet been done, but the amount is less than \$300.

## DEMANDS FOR TRIAL DENIED.

Previous reports have been made to Consul Simplich and the demands have been made to the State Department that Byington be released or given a trial. It is asserted here that these demands have been shifted from one Mexican authority to another. Gov. Maytorena, of Sonora it is said, passed the responsibility to Gen. Obregon, Constitutional chief who is alleged to have referred the subject to Carranza. The latter is said to have replied:

"The case is in the hands of the Supreme civil court and justice will be done."

In the meantime there is no "Supreme civil court," and Byington remains in prison.

## To the Voters of Union County.

As you all know, I am a candidate for Congress to succeed Mr. Page, who has held the office twelve years. There is a feeling all over the district that Mr. Page has been sufficiently honored and ought to retire. No man before Mr. Page has held the office from this district for more than four years. This feeling that Mr. Page ought to let go now is so widespread all over the district that hundreds of people whom I have never seen or who have never seen me are working for me. There are no other candidates but Mr. Page and myself. I have told the people in the other counties that I believed that the voters of Union county who know me, with whom I have lived all my life, and with whom I expect to live and work the balance of my life, would support me solidly. As there are thirteen counties in the district, I have not had time to see the people of my own county and ask them to support me. I thought that they would be glad to stand by a home man without my taking the time from the pressing work in other counties to go out and ask them personally.

The primary comes on May 16th. I wanted it put in July or August when the people would be at leisure. It was not seen fit to do this. The committee made an entrance fee of two hundred and fifty dollars, and this I have fought, because I do not wish to help make Democratic primaries so expensive that only men with a great deal of money can enter them. I have entered the primaries in four counties already and paid local assessments amounting to thirty dollars. Yet the committee thought that I ought to put up two hundred and fifty dollars more. Mr. Page, who has been drawing a large salary for many years, and now with his son draws nine thousand dollars a year out of the public funds, is a very rich man, and expense is nothing to him. His friends controlled the action of the committee and this action is making votes for me all over the district. We must keep the primaries open to the people and not make them so costly that few can enter. This is a matter of principle with me and I hope that the people of Union county will endorse my action and show the other counties that are supporting me that their action is appreciated.

I am not asking my people to vote for me against any home man, but in preference to a man of another county who has already been in office three times as long as we have heretofore honored the well known men who have represented this district. The wise men who framed our constitution provided that members of the house should be elected fresh from the people every two years, but we have carelessly let it come about that one man may get in and stay a life time. This is small encouragement to the boys and young men who are coming along and who wish to serve their people in responsible and useful positions.

Very truly,  
R. F. BEASLEY.

## WRITES ABOUT BATTLE.

### Mr. Michael Hudson, Son of Mr. W. J. Hudson, Eye-Witness of Battle.

—Ensign on South Carolina.

United States Steamship, South Carolina, Vera Cruz, Mexico, April 23rd, 1914.

You have probably heard more of the troubles in Mexico and Vera Cruz in particular than we who are here, but our information may be more nearly in accord with the situation than the distorted views usually given by the newspapers.

When we left Key West the fleet was scheduled to reach Vera Cruz on the afternoon or night of the 22nd. But in the mean time, Admiral Fletcher received orders to seize the customs house and shortly after sending his landing force ashore, signalled us to be prepared to land immediately on arrival.

The Mexicans offered no resistance to his landing party, but afterwards attacked with infantry and artillery. Whereupon the Prairie shelled their position and the landing force held the railroad yard, customs house and the American Camp. Upon our arrival nearly two thousand more sailors and marines were sent ashore, about 3 a. m. yesterday morning, the fleet having anchored about 2:30 a. m.

The South Carolina's boats were first and were received with a good fire by the Mexicans' rifles and artillery, which continued until near morning, when the Chester took position in the river harbor and shelled them in their positions in barracks and other buildings. A flag of truce was sent during the morning and the city surrendered. Notwithstanding this there are reports that desultory firing from houses and streets continued, the Mexicans using all kinds of underhand tricks to get a fire at our men. I think though there was very little firing after the surrender of the city. Additional marines were landed yesterday afternoon and the South Carolina's force with others is entrenched outside the city awaiting any Mexican re-enforcements that may be sent here from Mexico City. The Wyoming has control of the railroad approach with her big guns, so I imagine they will have little luck getting in that way. There's nothing to prevent them leaving the train before reaching the city though, and coming upon it from another direction.

No official list of casualties has been received, but from all accounts the American loss all told has been sixteen killed and sixty wounded. The Mexican casualties are far greater.

I do not know whether or not we will remain here. Some ships will probably go to Turpan today to protect the Americans there. As the South Carolina is well coaled and provisioned she may be ordered.

My status on the ship does not call for participation in the landing parties and I have been only an eye witness as yet; though more than half the officers are ashore and I think before it is over the rest will wish almighty hard we were in it too. It must be both interesting and exciting, even if a little hard, but haven't seen anyone yet who wouldn't rather than not tttakt rather than not take a chance at it. When you see people shot from your own ship and that by the Mexicans, it makes you want to take a whack too. If you are going to have a war I guess there will be enough to go around yet.

MICHAEL HUDSON,  
Ensign, U. S. S. South Carolina.

## Governor Colquit Asked to Withdraw State Troops.

Washington, D. C. May 2.—Sec. Garrison late today telegraphed to Governor Colquit, of Texas, offering to send 490 men of the regular infantry troops to Brownsville number of State militia now stationed at the border town. Mr. Garrison also has asked Governor Colquit to withdraw 125 artillery of the state militia, in which event he would replace them by regular artillery.

## Suggestions for List Takers.

The county commissioners, who are in session, have made out the following schedule of valuations for valuations of personal property which they recommend to the list takers to be followed this year: First class horses and mules, \$200.00; second class horses and mules, \$150.00; third class horses and mules, \$100.00; first class cows, \$40.00; second class cows, \$25.00; sheep and goats \$1.50; corn, 90 cents; wheat \$1.00; oats 50 cents; fodder, per 100, \$2.00; hay, 50 cents; cotton seed 30 cents; cotton, 10 to 11 cents; bacon and lard, 12 cents; cord wood, near railroad, 75 cents; first class lumber, \$1.00; second class lumber, 60 cents.

## Presbyterian Church Notes.

Mid-week service on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

The Sunday services were well attended, an especially large congregation being present at night.

The pastor preached in the afternoon at Cedar Grove school house.

On Sunday morning, the 17th inst., there will be a baptismal service for children. This service will be in the Sunday school room immediately after the Sunday school session.

The pastor will be at Norwood on Sunday next to preach the commencement sermon. His pulpit here will be supplied by Rev. W. A. Daniel of Norwood.

CHURCH REPORTER.

## ROSS ESCAPES FROM PRISON.

### Negro Who Murdered Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon December 13th, 1912, Escapes at Whitney.

Shelby Star.

John Ross has escaped. Chief Justice received a card from T. P. Sale, warden of the State prison at Raleigh Tuesday, in which a reward of \$50 is offered for his arrest. The card conveys the news that Ross escaped from Whitney, N. C., where a number of convicts are no doubt employed on a farm or public work. We were unable to learn just the nature of employment he was in at Whitney, but the card indicates that he escaped from that point. A full description was given on the card as follows: Escape, reward \$50, No. 15,545, name John Ross, escaped from State's prison at Whitney, N. C., April 22nd, 1914, residence Blacksburg, S. C., nativity North Carolina, colored, occupation laborer, education read and write, social relations married, crime murder, term life, received from Cleveland county October 5th, 1912, where tried Shelby, N. C. Age 25, height 6 feet, weight 149 pounds, build slender, complexion light ginger, teeth ivory, color of hair black, color of eyes brown, nose flat, chin long, marks and scars gun shot wound on face and neck and small scar over left eye. Arrest and wire T. P. Sale, warden, Raleigh, N. C.

John Ross was tried and sentenced of death passed on him by Judge Webb, January 16th, 1912 for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon near Fallston on the night of December 13, 1911. The date of electrocution was set for August 4th, 1912, but relatives of the deceased along with the trial judge and others interceded and Governor Kitchin changed the sentence to life imprisonment. Ross was taken to Prison on Friday January 12, 1912. Frank Gladden was tried at January term of court along with Ross for the murder of Mr. Dixon, but was found not guilty. He was later arrested and tried for the murder of Mrs. Clayton Dixon, but he was again acquitted, August 5th, 1912.

Once before news reached Shelby that Ross had escaped from the State prison, but the report seemed to be incorrect after investigation. This time, however, there is no question about it being Ross of Cleveland county notoriety, because the reward and description came direct from Warden Sale at prison headquarters.

## Bird Migration.

Nothing is more pleasant than to watch the birds as they return from their winter home, in the sunny tropical region. All of our migratory birds do not arrive until about the 15th of May, but a lot of them have arrived. During the last two weeks I have noticed the arrival of the following birds: Cat bird, Hanzbird, Cedar bird and yellow billed Cuckoo, those birds wintering in Mexico and southern Florida. The yellow throated Humming bird has also arrived lately. He winters in the southern tropical islands. It is not only enjoyable to see them returning from the south, but to notice the ones that leave for the north as they arrive. The Brown creeper and most of our snow birds or snow buntings, have gone north to spend the summer around the Great Lakes or in Canada. Some of our birds migrate at night while others travel in day. The insectivorous birds and berry eaters travel at night and then eat insects, berries and weeds during the day. Some of our birds never stop until they get there. It is said that they fly about a mile above the earth. They generally follow a river or a mountain range in migrating. Boys if we will try we can keep a few of our migratory birds with us all winter by providing proper food and building warm houses for them. Let's try it.

PERRY RICH.

## Union County Folks at the Reunion.

The following left Monday evening to attend the annual reunion of Confederate veterans at Jacksonville: Veterans J. F. Gordon, P. C. Stinson, J. R. Simpson, W. T. Rorie, W. McWhorter, M. A. Walters, Ellison Belk, Joe Richardson, Bill Love, Tom Belk, W. R. McNeely, A. T. Broom, J. A. Haigler, R. B. Keziah, J. L. Broom, R. A. Davis, W. C. Plyler, D. S. Husstieker, Fisher Helms, J. H. Lane, W. A. McCullough, M. C. McManus, J. M. Fairley, H. A. Belk, J. D. Helms, J. D. Norwood, J. J. Godfrey, R. M. Starnes, S. A. Belk, and color bearer, A. C. Pressley. Messrs. Olin McManus Pat Tennant, I. F. Plyler, S. A. Warlick, W. J. Trull, N. B. Ayers, S. B. Hart and F. M. Helms of Marshville township. There were a great many whom The Journal were unable to procure besides the above names.

## Superior Court.

Judge Shaw on yesterday morning convened court for the trial of civil cases, a one week's term. The following gentlemen constitute the jury for the week: Jas. E. McCollum, J. W. Love, Worley E. Griffin, A. F. Stevens, G. M. Little, Wesley Hinson, T. B. Alexander, John W. Belk, S. M. Blythe, Ed. H. Haney, J. B. Bailey, R. Edgar Williams, A. T. Austin, W. T. Morgan, T. M. Sims, John S. Marza, W. L. Craig.

Only to small suits were tried yesterday.