

INVASION MEXICO BY LESS THAN A SCORE UNITED STATES REGULARS; OFFICERS OF RAIDERS ARRESTED; DISCLAM'R BY GOV'T

Mexicans On Their Side Called Upon Americans to Swim Rio Grande—Four Drowned—Two Got Across and Were Arrested—Troops Immediately Pursued, Searching Country Beyond the River—Orders Violated, Says Funston—Two or Three Lieutenants In Arrest—The United States Will Call for Return of Prisoners—Serious Complication Is What Washington Thinks of the Affair

(By the United Press)

BROWNSVILLE, TEX., January 27.—Mexicans and American Military officials are making every possible effort to prevent clashes as the result of four Americans losing their lives while attempting to rescue two others who had been arrested by Mexicans. The four were drowned swimming the Rio Grande. The two were arrested while swimming. A party of Mexicans ordered them to cross the river and submit to arrest. A relief party of fourteen American soldiers swam the river and searched houses of Mexicans under a cross fire of Mexicans and Americans.

Funston Has Two Officers Arrested.

Two lieutenants have been arrested for participation in the raid by troops, by order of General Funston, who said it was apparent that the responsibility for the invasion rested with the Americans, he having given the strictest orders that no one was to cross the boundary.

Washington Regards Incident as Serious.

Washington, Jan. 27.—What War and State Department officials declared to be one of the most serious complications with Mexico since the "salute the flag" demand made upon Huerta, faced the government today. The capture of two Americans by Mexico and their pursuit through Mexican territory by American soldiers under Lieutenants Mort, Payton and Waldron of the regulars, was the cause. The lieutenants have been arrested upon orders by General Funston. It is believed the government may forestall demands for an explanation of the invasion by a disclaimer. It will, however, make immediate demands for the release of the two captured men.

OVERWHELMING BALLOT AGAINST CONSCRIPTION

(By the United Press)

Bristol, Eng., Jan. 27.—Resolutions opposing conscription were adopted by an overwhelming majority at the National Labor conference, representing two million workers, here today.

INTERESTING INCIDENT IN REPUB. CONVENTION

Charlotte, Jan. 26.—The feature of the Mecklenburg County Republican Convention held here today was a discussion of paragraphs contained in a resolution introduced by Jake F. Newell, wherein he denounced the foreign policy of the Democratic administration and suggested that President Wilson had better resign take a course in a correspondence school.

Ex-Congressman John M. Morehead took immediate exception to what he characterized "as cheap wit" said it was not the time to indulge in that kind of "wit" at the President's expense, for whom he said he personally had the very highest regard. He said the country owed President Wilson a great deal for keeping the nation out of war.

COTTON PRICES BETTER ON KINSTON EXCHANGE

About 40 bales of cotton were sold here today before 3 o'clock, with the best price paid 11.40.

March	12.03	11.92
May	12.30	12.15
July	12.42	12.28
December	12.54	12.41

PRESIDENT IN NEW YORK TO BEGIN HIS DEFENSE CAMPAIGN

Will Make Three Preparedness Addresses During Day—Mrs. Wilson With Him—Couple Expect to Return Tonight

(By the United Press)

New York, Jan. 27.—President Wilson arrived in New York early today to open his campaign for the Preparedness Program. He will make three talks here, before the Federation of churches, at the railway Business Men's Association Dinner, and at the Motion Picture Board of Trade Dinner. He is accompanied by Mrs. Wilson. They will return to Washington tonight.

TWO WOMEN SLAIN; MADMAN SUSPECTED

Double Tragedy Followed Dinner Party to Father and Husband of Couple, Just Returned to New York From Chicago—Disappeared Following Feast—Thought He Is Insane—Axe Was Used

(By the United Press)

New York, Jan. 27.—Following a dinner theatre party celebrating their husband and father's return from Chicago, Mrs. Rebecca Pullman and daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Basel, were found dead, their heads crushed with an axe. Pullman has disappeared. He is believed to be insane. Pullman Suicided.

New York, Jan. 27.—Pullman ended his life this morning by jumping from the third story of a Third avenue hotel.

PROPOSE, BUT LOOK UP RATING FIRST, IS ADVICE LAWYER PUGH

(By the Eastern Press)

Washington, N. C., Jan. 27.—Miss Lucille Pugh, who was a stenographer for the late W. P. Baughm here just a few years ago, still a young woman and quite pretty, is now enjoying an income of \$5,000 per annum as a lawyer in New York. Congressman John Small loaned her law books and gave her all the assistance that he could. From him, she declares, she "got her inspiration." Free "legal advice" from Miss Pugh on "leap year proposals" is being widely printed. She told one New York newspaper that a young woman should, if she chooses, propose—but only after consulting Bradstreet.

ARGENTINE UNIVERSITY AWARDS SO. RY. MEDAL

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—In recognition of the efforts of Southern Railway Company to promote international trade relations between South America and the United States and the effective and noteworthy result of those efforts in stimulating the study of the Spanish language and literature and Latin-American history and economics in the schools and colleges of the Southern States, the ancient University of Cordova, Argentina, which was founded in 1613, has conferred upon Southern Railway Company a large and handsome silver medal, which has recently been delivered to President Harrison.

WINSTON-SALEM SAVES PLACE IN STATE LEAGUE

Winston-Salem, Jan. 26.—The successful efforts of the Rotary Club, yet in its infancy here, saved baseball for Winston. The Rotarians scoured the city this afternoon and completed a two weeks' campaign by selling almost two hundred books. President Bramham was wired tonight that "Winston-Salem would be there with bells on."

DEMOCRATS ARE NOW GETTING TOGETHER ON MOST OF ISSUES

Agreements on Everything Except Preparedness Matter

LEVER BILL REPORTED

Passage Would Enable the Planters to Store Their Crops and Discount Notes Secured by Govt. Bonded Warehouse Receipts

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 27.—Senator Pomerene conferred last night with Senator Gallinger, who insisted upon opposition to the confirmation of Federal Trade Commissioner Ruple. An attempt will now be made to override Gallinger.

Democrats to Present Solid Front.

The President and congressional leaders are reaching an agreement whereby a solid front can be maintained on all issues except preparedness. The elimination of complete government ownership provisions brings the support of formerly opposing leaders for the ship purchase bill. Harmony is anticipated on the tariff commission plan. Amendments to the Philippines bill brings the party together on that.

Lever Bill Favorably Reported.

The Lever bill authorizing a system of warehouses licensed and bonded on the authority of the Federal government was favorably reported today by the House agriculture committee. Passage of the bill will enable farmers to store crops and discount notes secured by warehouse receipts.

Underwood Opposed to Tariff Commission.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Senator Underwood, author of the present tariff law, today announced his opposition to the tariff commission. He says the government has sufficient agencies, especially the Department of Commerce, to obtain all facts needed.

Great Petition Against Munitions Shipments.

Submission by Senator Kenyon of a petition bearing 1,038,000 names against munitions shipments stirred the Senate today. Both Klippe and Kenyon denounced the shipments.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press.)

ADEN ATTACKED BY OTTOMAN FORCES.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—Twenty thousand British defending the Arabian seaport of Aden are under heavy attack by Arabs and the Turks. The city is reported to be in danger of capture.

FRANZ JOSEF'S CONDITION CRITICAL?

Rome, Jan. 27.—It is reported that Emperor Franz Josef of Austria has suffered two apoplectic strokes and that his condition is critical.

CROZIER AGAINST GOVT. OWNED ARMOR FACTORY

Washington, Jan. 26.—Estimates were given the Senate Military committee today by Brigadier General Crozier, chief of ordnance, showing that a plant costing \$400,000,000, operated by a force of 750,000 workmen, would be required to manufacture ammunition and war materials necessary to keep an army of a million men in the field and equip an additional million recruits.

General Crozier strongly disapproved any proposal for government monopoly of the manufacture of war supplies, insisting that best results could be accomplished by relying upon private establishments to supplement the output of government plants in time of war.

LYNCHING FAULT OF OFFICIALDOM, SAYS THE CHIEF JUSTICE

Clark Replies to Governor's Speech to Charlotte Conference

A FAULTY JURY SYSTEM

Too Many Challenges—The Lawyers Help to Cheat Justice—"End Carnival of Homicide"—Trouble of Long Standing, Says

(Special to The Free Press)

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—The people of North Carolina are on the whole law-abiding and the chief cause for lynchings, which are not so frequent after all in the State, is the faulty system of getting jurors, declared Chief Justice Walter Clark in a lengthy statement issued late yesterday in reply to Governor Craig's Charlotte speech, in which the Chief Executive criticized the Supreme Court's head for "blaming the courts" and excusing the mob which recently lynched a negro in Wayne county for murder. The Governor spoke after reading from a letter written by the Chief Justice to John D. Langston of Goldsboro.

"It is astounding that Governor Craig should intimate that in my letter to Mr. Langston I excused the mob who hanged the negro Richards," says the Chief Justice in the statement. "The letter begins with denunciation of the lynching and states that it was anarchy, and there is not a line of apology in it for those who committed the offense."

"The cause of it is not with our people, but with officialdom."

The statement says: "There would be no lynching if the public were satisfied that they would be protected against murder by an efficient administration of law against murder. Our people are as much opposed to lynching as any in the world, and they all earnestly desire that crime should be prevented by the courts. But the average man is not willing that the present carnival of homicide in North Carolina shall continue in order that a few lawyers may make cheap reputations and good fees by acquitting murderers through the excessive number of challenges and the other devices by which justice is cheated in the courts. The Governor thinks that I should specify. But no one case of acquittal of a guilty murderer, nor any dozen, nor the lack of confidence caused by any one judge nor the excessive use of the pardoning power by any one governor has brought about this state of things. The trouble is of long standing, else the people would not have been goaded on in any occasion to take the law in their own hands."

The remedy, says Judge Clark, "is to so reduce the number of challenges and so change the system of getting a jury as to make the administration of justice certain."

NO NEW ITEMS FOR THE RIVERS & HARBORS BILL

Washington, Jan. 26.—The Rivers and Harbors committee voted today to include no new projects in its forthcoming bill but to confine appropriations solely to projects already authorized, thus limiting the total to approximately \$44,000,000.

IMPRESSING THE FACT ON TRINITY STUDENTS

That Wake Forest Basketball Quint. Defeated Methodists—Score Painted on Buildings and Everything—Baptists Accused—"Vandalism"—Don't Blame All, Request of W. F. Faculty

(Special to The Free Press)

Durham, Jan. 27.—There will be prosecution if the faculty of Trinity College can discover who painted the inscription, "W. F. C. 28—T. C. 26," on dormitories and other buildings, lamp-posts and lamps, steps, gateposts, seats and the flagpole at the college, following a basketball game between Trinity and Wake Forest quints, in which the latter were the winners. A handkerchief, paint-smeared, bearing the name of a Wake Forest student, is the only evidence so far except empty paint cans. Trinity professors call the painting "vandalism." Wake Forest faculty members regret the act, but say the entire student body should not be blamed for the work of a few "over-zealous" men.

NATIVE OF WILMINGTON DIES IN BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Jan. 26.—James Harvey Payne, a civil engineer and a native of Wilmington, N. C., died here today after a short illness. A trip to South America recently is said to have affected his health.

UNITED STATES NOW IS INVOLVED WITH TWO MORE NATIONS

"Crows to Pick" With Italy and France — Blockade and Armed Merchantmen Causes for Contention

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 27.—The diplomatic problems continued to multiply today, France being drawn into the controversy over the blockade against Germany and Italy ever mounting of guns on liners.

With England the lines are drawn for a renewal of negotiations over the order in Council. With Germany the negotiations over the Lusitania have been suffered a slight respite, while Berlin considers the United States' demands.

Arbitration of the proposed "actual" blockade is expected to be the final outcome. The administration sympathizes with the Austrian view that, armed merchantmen are not "peaceful," it is hinted.

Allies May Present Joint Reply.

London, Jan. 27.—A joint note signed by all the Allies replying to the protests of neutrals on alleged trade interferences, is in contemplation.

Partial Prohibition Imports.

London, Jan. 27.—The British government has decided upon partial prohibition of importation of many an article not absolutely necessary, to relieve the shipping situation, it was announced today in the House of Commons. The United States will be hit the hardest. Imports of wood pulp, glass and tobacco will be limited.

DENIES SHE PLANNED MURDER PHYSICIAN

Mrs. Mohr Still On Stand—Relates Indignities Suffered—Flat No to Questions If She Plotted to Put Him Out of Way—Had Hoped for Reconciliation, Accused Declares

(By the United Press)

Providence, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Mohr continued on the stand today relating the indignities she suffered at the hands of the murdered Doctor Mohr. She flatly denied that she planned to kill him, and said that she had hoped for their reconciliation.

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NO MISCEGENATION, SAYS JURY IN CASE JONES COUNTY PAIR

Peniel White Enough to Be Husband of Woman With Whom He Was Accused. Father of Latter Wanted to Drop Case Before

The jury was given the case a few minutes to one, and in about three minutes' time was back with a verdict of not guilty.

The Peniels prepared immediately to go back to Jones county to take up their residence unmolested. The witnesses and others who came here with them, including many relatives of the couple, left this afternoon. It was stated authoritatively that before the case ever came to the Superior Court the young woman's father, who had opposed the marriage, declared a desire to have the prosecution stopped, to which the State would not agree. He had no money with which to prosecute the case himself, he is said to have remarked, and was willing that the couple should live together.

After spending nearly the whole day in the preliminaries and hearing evidence, argument was commenced in the Peniel case in Superior Court late Wednesday. Claud Peniel, a Jones county youth, and Cora Peniel, his wife by the statements of both, are charged with miscegenation. Mr. C. V. Cowper, for the defense, spoke first, and court was adjourned after his address. Col. W. D. Pollock, assisting Solicitor Shaw, was the first to speak this morning. Mr. Fred I. Sutton, for Peniel, and the Solicitor were yet to speak at 10 o'clock. It was generally conceded that the girl, a country maid who states that she was married to Peniel in Norfolk shortly before they were arrested here a few weeks ago, would be found not guilty or at least be dismissed at the conclusion of the trial.

According to court officials who heard all of the about 15 witnesses examined Wednesday, the jury will have to say whether Peniel is legally white, or by having a certain quantity of negro blood in his veins, colored. It was brought out in the evidence that his grandmother on one side was a mixed-breed. She was the child of a slave-owner's daughter who became infatuated with a black on a Jones county plantation, it is alleged. If Peniel has inherited a certain proportion of his part-colored ancestor's taint, in the opinion of the jury, he will stand convicted for the purity of the race and liable to imprisonment.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS

R. L. Leem of Maxton and M. C. McIver of South Carolina spent Wednesday at Maysville looking over the field for a barrel and stave mill there.

There has been a considerable decrease in the number of grip cases at New Bern. At one time there were 200 sufferers there.

This will be the most prosperous year in the history of Eastern Carolina, Col. H. S. Leard believes. The Norfolk Southern's General Passenger Agent is in this section looking after the company's interests.

GUION MIGHT BE MADE AN ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

(By the Eastern Press)
New Bern, Jan. 27.—It is believed here that if President Wilson appoints Judge W. R. Allen to the Supreme Court bench, former Judge O. H. Guion of this city will be named to the North Carolina Supreme Court to succeed Judge Allen. Such is the prevalent belief in Raleigh, it is understood here.

Judge Guion would probably have the support of Senator Simmons. The two are close friends.

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