

### CARRANZA CO-OPERATES WITH AMERICAN FORCES; U. S. TROOPS SCHEDULED PASS BORDER IN SIX PLACES TO TAKE VILLA

Punitive Expedition Expected to Start Today—Pershing to Command—Mexican Government Troops Moving Lively in Villista Country—Mormons Protected—General Funston in Full Charge Campaign—Border Residents Fear Further Attacks—Bandit Chief May Play His Strongest Card Before Troops Can Get At Him—Another Columbus Victim Dead—Senate Committee Gives Administration's Action Full Approval

(By the United Press)

Washington, March 11.—A square approval of the administration's Mexican plans was voted unanimously by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today, decisive and prompt action was asked for by McCumber and Fall, who demanded punishment of Villa.

#### Carranzistas Guard Mormons.

Washington, March 11.—The arrival of Carranzistas at Palomas today assured the safety of the Mormons at that place, believed to be endangered.

#### Pershing at Head of Troops to Cross.

San Antonio, March 11.—Brig.-Gen. John J. Pershing, commanding a cavalry brigade, will be the leader of the punitive expedition to go after Villa, it was learned today at headquarters at Fort Sam Houston. General Funston will not go to the border now, it is said.

#### Carranzistas May Pass Through United States

Washington, March 11.—Carranza this afternoon asked permission for his troops to cross the border in pursuit of the lawless Villa bands, in a note to the State Department.

#### Censorship Over Communications to Mexico.

New York, March 11.—A strict censorship has been placed over messages to Mexican cities, it was announced today by cable companies, all messages via El Paso will be required to be written in plain English or Spanish, subject to censorship.

#### Carranzistas Co-operating With Americans.

El Paso, March 11.—While the Americans are expected to cross the border at six places today to avenge the Columbus and Santa Ysabel massacres, the border feared a renewed slaughter of Americans, Villa is expected to try for the greatest killing of Americans in Mexican history, intercepting a train due at Guzman, Mexico, fifty miles southwest of here, this afternoon. The Carranzistas are apparently co-operating with the Americans. Two thousand government troops today left Chihuahua in escort of refugees. Twelve hundred Carranzistas have been sent to Palomas, six miles south of Columbus, and a thousand are going to Agua Prieta.

#### General Funston in Full Charge.

Washington, March 11.—Strict censorship of news dispatches from Funston to the War Department, which are coded, has been ordered.

Private James P. Taylor, injured in the Columbus raid, is dead.

Aeroplanes will be put in service for observation.

General Funston is completely in charge of the Mexican campaign by order of Secretary Baker and the President. Troops are mobilizing at border points. Villa lacks artillery, it is said. He has machine and small guns, however, and ammunition. The Carranzistas are expected to get permission to cross into America to pursue Villa, as a reciprocal measure, it is said. General Bertani, commanding the Carranzistas, conferred at midnight with Colonel Slocum, and planned co-operation with him.

### GERMANS SACRIFICE GREAT NUMBERS FOR GAINS NEAR VERDUN

Trying to Force Evacuation of Goose Hill and Bethincourt Village

#### TREBIZOND WON'T RESIST

Russians Will Occupy City in Few Hours—Warships Shell Roads Along Which Turks Are Fleeing—More Activity On East Front

(By the United Press)

Petrograd, Mar. 11.—The Turkish port of Trebizond will be surrendered to the Russians with little or no resistance, say Tiflis dispatches. The big guns in the harbor have been dismantled and valuable stores removed from the city. The Russians are within a day's march of the city, a fleet is harassing the fleeing Turks, shelling the roads lying close to the Black seashore.

#### Aircraft Bomb Russian Ships.

Berlin, Mar. 11.—German Hydroaeroplanes have bombarded a Russian squadron in the Black Sea, North-east of the Bulgarian port of Varna, it is said officially. Bombs damaged torpedo boats, despite a heavy enemy fire, the planes escaped safely.

#### Fighting at Verdun is Terrific.

London, Mar. 11.—The Crown Prince's sudden thrust into the Corbeaux woods, northeast of Verdun, has imperiled the French positions on a five mile front west of the Meuse, the dispatches say. The Germans are wasting lives recklessly in an attempt to press through a mile to the Forges-Cumieres road, by which they would force the French to evacuate Goose Hill and surrender Bethincourt village, five miles west of the Meuse. East of the Meuse, the battling about Douaumont village, Vaux and Fort Devaux is intense. The Paris and Berlin dispatches are contradicting over the situation.

#### Germans in Russia More Active.

Petrograd, Mar. 11.—Heavy German attacks east of Kozlov have been repulsed with serious losses, say dispatches. The Germans are more active on the whole front, particularly near Riga, where several attacks have been broken up by the Russians.

### NO CALL FOR LOCAL MILITIA FOR DUTY IN MEXICO, THOUGH

Troops Could Go In Hurry, However, If Needed—A Signature Would Put Railroads Into Co-Operation for Mobilization

Local military officers expect no call to be made for the National guard in the Mexican matter, unless "intervention" should be decided upon. Then, the chances are, the militia would go on the run. The Second Infantry formally volunteered a couple of years ago for Mexican service.

It would take only two or three hours to assemble the local commands, probably. Regimental headquarters of the Second Infantry says the regiment could be mobilized at Camp Glenn, the designated point for mobilization, within fifteen hours of the issuance of an order. An officer and two intelligent men of each company would be left on the home station for five days to recruit.

Blank orders which would be honored by any railroad agent are in the possession of each unit commander, needing only the officer's signature to make them valid.

### WARNING TO COTTON PLANTERS BY FED'RL RES. AGT. HARDING

Should Not Increase Acreage—"Don't Put all Eggs in One Basket," Advises, Gives Tip to Mercantile Men and Bankers

Birmingham, Ala., March 10.—Southern farmers were warned not to put all their eggs in one basket by relying on cotton as their only crop in a speech tonight by W. P. G. Harding of the Federal Reserve Board, before the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

"I am told," said Mr. Harding, "that there are farmers in Alabama, and perhaps in all Southern States have never grown a stalk of corn. Let the farmers realize, and I urge upon merchants and bankers the importance of persuading them, that an increased acreage in cotton will be looked upon as an argument in favor of lower prices for the remainder of the crop now being held, although it is by no means certain that a large acreage would yield a larger crop than a smaller and better cultivated area. Let us suppose things turn out this year as some optimists predict. Suppose peace should be restored and there springs up a greatly increased demand for cotton. Under such conditions a large crop would, of course, sell for a great deal of money, but with the experience of 1910 and 1911 before us, is there any reason to doubt that a moderate crop would sell for still more. On the other hand, suppose the war continues; suppose unhappily this country should become involved—and remember, that in times of stress when it comes to a choice between something to eat and something to wear, food must be provided at any cost. While new clothes can wait—then I ask, would we not be far better off with a moderate supply of cotton and an abundance of food supplies."

"Why scatter high-priced fertilizer over a large field when it would be more effective concentrated on a smaller scale? These matters must be determined now. A month hence will be too late. Let the farmers, the merchants and the bankers of the South take counsel together, and let the newspapers, and those published at the county-seats particularly advocate in every issue for the next six weeks, and with all their force and power the doctrine of diversification, and let them point out the dangers of the one crop system."

Mr. Harding said that if the war continues six months longer the purchasing power of Europe will be seriously impaired and that prices in the countries at war already have enormously advanced. He declared that the cotton exchanges are eleemosynary institutions, but are operated by those who desire to gain. Market opinions, he said, vary with new conditions, and the fact is realized that they depend primarily upon the supply. For the next three months, at least, Mr. Harding said, the estimates of supply will be based upon the new crop acreage.

"What this acreage will be," he said, "in America depends upon the farmers of the South. Should they decide during the next few weeks to produce their foodstuffs at home and to plant cotton as a money crop, their position will be secure, but if, disregarding all warnings and portents of the times, they decide upon a policy of all cotton, they will be taking a tremendous risk which no prudent business man would care to assume."

Mr. Harding said the ability and disposition of the banks of the United States to take care of the legitimate wants of their customers as well as to carry well secured loans for others, has never been greater than at present. All paper under discount with Federal Reserve Banks March 6, Mr. Harding said, amounted to \$51,000,000, against total deposits in these institutions of \$54,761,000.

"In all sections of the country," he continued, "first class commercial rates, and I may say that for several papers is sought for at abnormally low prices."

### COWPER CALLS THE DEMOCRATS OF THIS COUNTY TO COLORS

Up to Party to Show Republicans There Is No Apathy in Ranks

#### TRIUMPHANT DEMOCRACY

Will Open Campaign With Every Promise and Hope. Dates of Meetings That Are to Be Held in County and Other News

In connection with a call issued today for the County Democratic convention, executive committee and precinct meetings, Chairman G. V. Cowper gave out the following statement:

"It is especially desired that all of the Democratic conventions and meetings shall this year be largely attended. It is the purpose of the Democratic organization from State to precinct to demonstrate that in the face of recent Republican activity, there is no apathy in our ranks. The Democratic President and administration are especially entitled to the enthusiastic support and endorsement for the splendid efforts to steer this nation out of the troubled waters of war and keep it in the haven of peace, and it is not sufficient for Democrats to feel this within themselves, but it is their duty and will be their pleasure to show it to the world."

"The democracy of Lenoir county will open this campaign with every promise and hope. There is every reason why it will be a militant and triumphant democracy. As to the political condition in this county, we have no less authority than Ex-Senator Butler, who seems to be the acknowledged leader of the Republicans this year. In an article by him, in the Greensboro Daily News, under date January 31, 1916, in discussing the political situation in this judicial district, he gives the credit for the temporary increase in the Republican vote in the district entirely to Sampson and adjoining counties and gives the figures to show that while there was a falling off of votes in Lenoir county in general, that the Republican loss in the last election was practically fifty per cent., while the Democrats' loss in the county was (Continued on Page Three)

### THE AGRICULTURAL BOARD TO MEET FOR FIRST TIME IN APRIL

Will Be Comprised by 29 Officials and Progressive Farmers—Officers to Be Elected, Etc., Described By Mr. McCrary

Organization of the new Lenoir County Board of Agriculture is expected to be perfected about April 1. A meeting of the entire board will be held sometime about that date.

The personnel of the board will be: Two official members, the district and county demonstration agents; three county-at-large members, the Chairman of Commissioners, County Superintendent of Schools and the President or a member of the Lenoir County Farmers' Union, and 24 township members, appointed by the commissioners on March 6.

Meetings of the board will be held quarterly, according to County Farm Demonstrator O. F. McCrary. Officers of the board to be chosen are a president, vice-president and secretary, to hold office for a year. There will be no membership fees, nor shall any officer receive any compensation for services rendered, the by-laws say.

### NORWEGIAN VESSEL WITH AMERICANS ON BOARD SUBMARINED; WASHINGTON GETS A SHOCK; IS NEW GERMAN-AMERICAN CRISIS

"Silius," Small Freighter, Reported Torpedoed in Havre Harbor—Seven United States Citizens On Board Believed Saved, But Situation Is None the Less Grave—Unarmed and Neutral, No Excuse for Sinking Even If Warned, State Department Holds—Disavowal, Reparation and Punishment of Submersible's Commander Expected to Be Demanded by Wilson—British Seize An American Vessel Carrying Nitrate

(By the United Press)

Washington, March 11.—News that the Norwegian steamer "Silius," with seven Americans aboard, had been submarined without warning in Havre roads today, gave a shock to the State Department. The news was cabled by the consul-general at Havre. It is unofficially declared that the Department will hold Germany to a strict account. The Americans are reported saved.

If the vessel was submarined as reported, this act may make the most serious situation of the war. The vessel was neutral, and apparently unarmed. No government has ever hinted that non-combatants, either neutral or belligerent, have not the right to travel on neutral vessels, and even if the Silius was warned the matter would be most serious.

If the President and Secretary Lansing uphold their views, a demand for disavowal and reparation and punishment of the commander will be made without formal interchange of notes.

#### Unarmed, Say Agents

New York, March 11.—The Norwegian-American line, representing the owners of the Silius, state that the ship was unarmed, and bound to Havre with grain. She was of 1,500 tons.

#### U. S. Ship Seized By British; To Demand Release.

Washington, March 11.—The American steamer Edna of San Francisco has been taken by a British cruiser and led to Port Stanley, in the Falkland Islands. Representative Kahn of California today requested the State Department to protest. The steamer was loaded with nitrate, valuable in the manufacture of munitions. This is believed to be the reason for her seizure.

### BRITISH NOBLEWOMAN TO SAVE IRISH BABES

(By the United Press)

Washington, March 11.—As midnight ushers out National Baby Week, it will usher in Irish Baby Week, sponsored by the Marquis and Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen selected the week of St. Patrick's day in which to ask help for Irish babies. They want to drive disease among the babies out of Ireland as St. Patrick banished the snakes.

Lady Aberdeen is president of the Women's National Health Association of England. She founded the organization in 1907, soon after her husband went to Ireland as viceroy.

During next week, Lady Aberdeen and the members of the organization will seek financial aid for the babies of Ireland from American philanthropists and those Irish who have prospered here.

### SPILMAN LECTURES TO BEGIN SUNDAY P. M.

Dr. B. W. Spilman's lectures here upon Bible school work, as announced some days ago, will begin Sunday afternoon. They will be held in the Junior room of the Gordon Street Christian church, downstairs. The general subject will be mental characteristics of children in the grades.

The first lecture will be given on Sunday afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock. Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock and Monday night, Tuesday afternoon at 4 and Tuesday night, he will lecture. These lectures are for all the city. They are so valuable and interesting that teachers in the public schools are going to take them in. Even those who are not connected with school work in any way are welcome.

Berne, March 11.—The Swiss watch industry is practically at a standstill due to the lack of metal importations from France.

### FINAL LECTURE OF BABY WEEK SERIES

Baby Week here came to an end with Friday night's program in Caswell Street Methodist church. Dr. Ira M. Hardy made the address of the occasion, or rather, a lecture on the subject, "Development of the Child." He used a stereopticon. Dr. Hardy has long been noted for his interest in children and his knowledge of them, and the fair-sized audience of Friday night was deeply interested in his remarks.

"It is safe to say that the percentage of health among the babies of Kinston will be higher this year as the result of Baby Week," one well-known physician stated today.

The date for the baby contest which was to have been held in connection with the week's program but had to be postponed indefinitely will be announced as soon as the arrangements can be perfected. It is possible that it will be held during the coming few weeks.

### SOCIALISTS TO PLAN CO-OPERATIVE STORE TO COST MILLION, SAID

Cleveland, March 11.—Cleveland Socialists plan a direct assault on the high cost of living here tomorrow by organizing a co-operative company to distribute food and other staples at wholesale prices. It is planned to join the 1,000 Socialist families here into a compact organization which will buy staple supplies through one warehouse, the warehouse being financed by themselves. Through this organization, the Socialists hope to control more than \$1,000,000 worth of home supplies. The plan, it is figured, will save the members about \$200,000 a year.

The Bohemian Socialists' organization, the pioneer in Cleveland in co-operative buying, organized four years ago with a membership of 165 families, will be used as the nucleus of the larger organization. To finance the new organization stock will be sold in \$5 and \$10 shares.

### GOING ON IN OTHER COUNTIES AND TOWNS

The death of Sergt. J. F. Peal at Fort Bliss, Texas, recently, resulted from a collision between a motorcycle on which Peal was riding, and an automobile, according to a letter from Peal's company commander to relatives in Pitt county. Military honors were rendered by the garrison before the remains were forwarded to Bethel, N. C. His captain referred to Peal as "a fine type of soldier."

Pupils of the New Bern city schools will give an operetta, "Cinderella in Flowerland," this evening.

An annex to the Gaston hotel at New Bern is being erected.

### DURHAM HIGHS STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS.

Chapel Hill, March 10.—In one of the most hotly contested games ever seen on the varsity floor, the Durham basketball quint defeated Winston-Salem here tonight, 21 to 20, thereby winning the State high school basketball championship.

### ODDITIES IN THE NEWS FROM OVER THE SEAS

(By the United Press)

Amsterdam — Professor Rudolph Eucken, lecturing in Berlin, declared that beer drinking is the German's only vice, and after the war he must conquer the habit.

Manchester's trade during 1915 beat all records by \$135,000,000.

Zurich—The German and Austrian governments have confiscated 8,000,000 rabbit skins for hat manufacture.

London—The King has congratulated Rev. W. E. Cox of Dartingham, because his five sons are all officers in the service, three in France, one in Mesopotamia and one in the navy.

### GEORGIA REPUBLICANS MAKE ROUGH-HOUSE, SPLIT

Macon, Ga., March 10.—Police and firemen were called to quell fist fights at the Republican State Central Committee meeting here today and tonight it was announced that there will be two conventions of the Republican party in Georgia.