

SEASING DEFEAT FOR HIS MAIN FORCE, VILLA WITH SQUAD FOLLOWERS, FLEES TO MOUNTAIN LAIR BEFORE U. S. CAVALRY

Sixty Mexicans Killed in Engagement Southwest of San Geronimo—Troops Rode Hard for Many Hours—Outposts Notified Hernandez and Men of Approach of Dodd's Squadron, Under Junior Officer, and Mexicans Were in Saddles When Clash Came—Americans Yelled While Horses Charged With Reins Hanging Loose—Unerring Shots—Villistas Could Not Stand Before the Enemy—Outnumbered Americans 5 to 4

(By H. D. Jacobs, United Press Staff Correspondent) Field Headquarters of the American Army, Near Dublin, Mexico.—A mad five-hour scramble over mountain passes southwest of San Geronimo, with a squadron of cavalry urging their jaded mounts on in hot pursuit of the terror-stricken bandits, now close on their heels now far behind, is the story of the Villista defeat there. The bandits finally evaded their pursuers by breaking into small groups and hiding in defiles. The tactics were the same as were employed at Guerrero.

Sixty Mexicans were killed. It was Colerwin who commanded Dodd's 400 men on the grinding 17-hour dash against Hernandez with 500 Villistas. Villa scouts prevented the complete surprise of the bandits, and the latter were in their saddles when the troopers dashed in amongst them, their reins swinging free, the cavalymen yelling and firing with deadly accuracy into the terrorized Mexicans.

Eight Men Believed to Be With Villa. (By E. T. Conkle, United Press Staff Correspondent) El Paso, April 4.—American troops are reported to be approaching Durango State. Their swift advance has surprised officials. Villa is believed to be fleeing for his former haunts, the Durango mountains, with eight of his trusted followers.

More Cavalry Despatched. Washington, April 4.—Additional soldiers, presumably of the Fifth Cavalry, have been sent to reinforce the Americans in the Villa Hunt, the War Department today said. It is believed some will reinforce the guards of the lines of communication, others to aid in the actual hunt. Nineteen Apache Indian scouts, headed by Captain Hazard, left for the border to scour the Mexican mountains.

FRENCH LIKELY TO LOSE BETHINCOURT TO GERMAN, STAT'D

Villa Three-Fourths Surrounded and Being Battered by Terrific Artillery Fire—French Attempts to Recover Repulsed

(By the United Press) Berlin, April 4.—French attempts to recapture positions taken by the Germans southwest of Douaumont have been repulsed, the war office today announced. The Germans also have been victorious in the Caillette Woods fighting.

Bethincourt Will Fall. London, April 4.—French are still holding the fortified villa of Bethincourt, ten miles northwest of Verdun, now three-fourths surrounded and under a terrific bombardment by German artillery. It is believed certain they will have to evacuate the position before many hours.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press) MANY KILLED IN POWDER MILL FIRE. London, April 4.—Two hundred persons were killed or injured in a powder factory fire in Kent county, it is officially announced today.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY IN NEW YORK. New York, April 4.—New York is voting in the first presidential primary in its history. Both Republicans and Democratic delegates chosen will be uncommitted, according to a decision of the State conventions of both parties.

DEPUTY COLLECTORS CHARGED WITH HAND IN TOBACCO FRAUDS

Counsel for Manufacturers Arrested in New York Says Men Received From \$5 to \$10 Week—Will Reveal Names Later, Says

(By the United Press) Washington, April 4.—Charges that deputy internal revenue collectors who had been on payrolls of tobacco manufacturers are implicated in frauds under investigation by the Collector of Internal Revenue John Low, at New York, it was learned today.

The charges were made by Carl Whitney, attorney for manufacturers arrested in New York. He refused to say who the collectors are, declaring he intends to spring the names at the trial in the defense. He said they received five to ten dollars weekly.

ENGLAND WON'T TURN LOOSE THE GERMANS

Believed to Have Informed United States That Enemy Citizens Taken From American Liner Will Not Be Given Freedom—Being Held as Prisoner of War in Japan, Report

(By the United Press) Washington, April 4.—England has refused to release the Germans recently taken from the American liner China, en route from China to San Francisco, it was officially indicated today, following receipt of the British reply to the American protest in the case. The Germans are still held in Japan.

SCOTLAND NECK HAD COSTLY BLAZE TODAY

Special to The Free Press) Scotland Neck, N. C., Apr. 4.—Fire destroyed the plant of the Josey Guano Company here early today. The origin is unknown. The damage, estimated, is \$50,000, with partial insurance. Other property was threatened. Four freight cars were burned.

RAISE COTTON WITH LONGER STAPLE THE ADVICE OF EXPERT

Dr. R. Y. Winters and Mr. C. R. Hudson, Agricultural Department Men, Address Meeting New Board of Agriculture

About a dozen planters attended the meeting of the County Board of Agriculture here Monday afternoon. This immediate section was fairly well represented, but the bad weather kept many from the outlying sections of the county away. Organization was not perfected as had been planned for, and it may be a month before another session is called for that purpose.

Mr. C. R. Hudson, State agent for demonstration work, and Dr. R. Y. Winters, a plant breeder of the Department of Agriculture, addressed the meeting. Mr. Hudson boosted velvet beans to the sky, and advocated the growing of soy beans and other legumes. Velvet beans, he said, are ideal for improving the soil of this section. Dr. Winters is a Ph. D. from Cornell, and an energetic young man. He suggested that the farmers get together to improve the corn grown in the county. Test plots should be planted, he said, all the farmers of a neighborhood planting seed from their crops on one plot for comparison and the securing of

First List of Candidates In Contest Appears Today

Here Are the Candidates and a Partial Schedule of Votes. Have Any of Your Friends Entered the Contest? Look Over the List

The names below are those received from candidates and friends of candidates, up to yesterday morning in run GREAT GOLDEN FESTIVAL. If there are any nominations which have been of persons not desiring to continue in the campaign, the Contest Manager requests that you notify him in writing, within five days. This precaution is necessary for the protection of the Contest Manager as well as the contestants. This prevents any competitors from declaring any candidate out of the race without such candidate's consent.

As the Golden Festival is a public enterprise, and of interest to the entire public, and as each person is allowed to nominate whomever he may choose, it is the request of the Contest Manager that you consider your nomination in the spirit in which it was made. No one will be asked to continue unless desirous of doing so, and a courteous written request is all that is necessary to obtain the cancellation of any nomination.

Until further notice no candidate may publish more subscription votes in any one twenty-four hours than will place such candidate more than 5,000 votes above the leader of the previous day. In such cases, votes are returned to the candidate for future use. This ruling is only temporary, and is made to encourage the proper reservation of votes.

DISTRICT No. 1. After the Capital prizes, two Maxwell Touring Cars have been awarded, this district will receive one diamond ring, one gold watch and one Bank account of \$25. All others in this district who remain in the contest until the close, who do not win one of the above prizes, and who comply with the rules, will be paid a commission of 10 per cent.

DISTRICT No. 1. Miss Sarah Dunn, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Susan Dunn, Kinston, 5,500. Miss Barbara Emery, Kinston, 6,400. Miss Mary Farmer, Kinston, 5,000. Miss Bessie Faulkner, Kinston, 6,500. Miss Sarah Faulkner, Kinston, 6,300. Miss Mamie Fitzgerald, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Addie Ford, Kinston, 5,400. Miss Coy Stroud, Kinston, 6,400. Miss Barbara Andrews, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Bettie Barfield, Kinston, 5,300. Miss Julia Barratt, Kinston, 6,700. Miss Carrie L. Beasley, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Clara Beeton, Kinston, 5,200. Miss Katie Bell, Kinston, 5,400. Miss Maggie Bissett, Kinston, 6,500. Miss Georgia Bizzell, Kinston, 6,500. Miss Nannie Blackwell, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Ada Bostic, Kinston, 5,000. Miss Ada Best, Kinston, 5,200. Miss Mary Best, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Henry Bradshaw, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Mary L. Braswell, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Alma Broadhurst, Kinston, 5,000. Miss A. L. Broadway, Kinston, 5,400. Miss G. V. Broadway, Kinston, 5,300. Mrs. Laura Cummings, Kinston, 5,400. Marianna LaRoue, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Carrie B. Cox, Kinston, 5,600. Mrs. F. L. Hooker, Kinston, 5,400. Miss Lula Walker, Kinston, 7,000. Miss Abbie Abbott, Kinston, 6,500. Miss Bertie Cullom, Kinston, 6,400. Mrs. W. G. Morris, Kinston, 7,200. Miss Joanna Ennis, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Kate Brown, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Susie Canady, Kinston, 5,000. Miss Lillie L. Cobb, Kinston, 6,300. Miss Stella Buck, Kinston, 5,400. Elizabeth Copeland, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Dora Diamond, Kinston, 5,000. Miss Katie Gayler, Kinston, 6,000. Margerite Goodson, Kinston, 7,000. Miss Ada Grady, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Lena Grady, Kinston, 5,600. Miss Lois Grubbs, Kinston, 6,700. Miss Alice Hart, Kinston, 7,000. Mary Hartsfield, Kinston, 7,000. Miss Prossie Heath, Kinston, 6,700. Mrs. Annie Hill, Kinston, 5,000. Miss Martha Hines, Kinston, 7,000. Miss Scotia Hoggins, Kinston, 5,500. Virginia C. Huggins, Kinston, 5,000. Miss Della Hyatt, Kinston, 6,700. Miss Sybil Hyatt, Kinston, 6,500. Miss Lula Isler, Kinston, 6,700. Miss Annie Johnson, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Verna Johnson, Kinston, 6,500. Miss Anna Patrick, Kinston, 6,500. Miss Agnes Leggett, Kinston, 5,400. Miss Leon Marquett, Kinston, 5,000. Miss Terry Mitchell, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Florence Moore, Kinston, 6,700. Miss Annie Nobles, Kinston, 6,300. Miss Daisy Outlaw, Kinston, 5,700. Miss Eoline Padrick, Kinston, 7,000. Miss Fannie Pollock, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Anna Prigden, Kinston, 6,500. Miss Roberts Prigden, Kinston, 6,500. Miss Mary Prigden, Kinston, 6,700. Miss Nannie Randolph, Kinston, 5,600. Miss Amanda Rhodes, Kinston, 6,500. Miss Libilian Rowe, Kinston, 5,000. Miss Lida Lee Rhodes, Kinston, 6,500. Miss Annie L. Scott, Kinston, 6,700. Miss Ruth Simmons, Kinston, 5,800. Miss Rosa Simpson, Kinston, 7,000. Miss Nannie Stanley, Kinston, 6,500. Miss Annie Stephenson, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Maria Sutton, Kinston, 6,700. Miss Vana Sutton, Kinston, 6,000. Mrs. Nora Taylor, Kinston, 7,300. Bessie V. Thornton, Kinston, 5,700. Miss Jane Tilghman, Kinston, 6,400.

DISTRICT No. 2. Miss Myrtle Tucker, Kinston, 5,500. Miss Julia Tyndall, Kinston, 5,500. Miss Bettie Underhill, Kinston, 5,000. Miss Lona D. Weeks, Kinston, 5,000. Miss Katie Whitehurst, Kinston, 6,500. Miss Camille Aldridge, Kinston, 6,400. Miss Evelyn Waters, Kinston, 6,700. Miss Daphne Waters, Kinston, 6,200. Miss Ella Haskett, Kinston, 5,700. Herman Lawson, Kinston, 6,000. Mrs. Eva Cummings, Kinston, 6,000. Miss Hattie Daley, Kinston, 5,900.

DISTRICT No. 2. This district includes all territory outside of the City of Kinston. After the capital prizes, two Maxwell Touring Cars have been awarded, this district will receive one diamond ring, one gold watch, and one Bank account of \$25. All others in this district, who remain in the contest until the close, who do not win one of the above prizes, and who comply with the rules, will be paid a commission of 10 per cent.

DISTRICT No. 2. Mrs. Mabel Barwick, Seven Springs, 7,000. Mrs. Winnie Thompson, Seven Springs, 6,000. Mrs. Emma Barwick, Seven Springs, 6,400. Miss Lula Outlaw, Seven Springs, 6,000. Miss Mabel Grady, Seven Springs, 6,400. Miss Effie Stroud, Seven Springs, 7,500. Mrs. Fannie Elmore, Seven Springs, 7,300. Miss Lola Rouse, Seven Spgs, 6,500. Miss Gertrude Grady, Seven Springs, R. F. D. No. 1, 6,200. Mrs. J. J. Harper, Deep Run, 5,800. Mrs. Lula Blizard, Deep Run, 5,600. Mrs. Annie Stroud, Deep Run, R. F. D. No. 2, 6,000. Mrs. Addie Boynt, Deep Run, R. F. D. No. 2, 6,500. Miss Sue Davis, Deep Run, R. F. D. No. 2, 7,200. Miss Tiffany Hill, Deep Run, R. F. D. No. 2, 7,000. Mrs. Mildred Outlaw, Kenansville, 6,900. Miss Jimmie Koenig, Kenansville, 6,500. Mrs. Nancy Smith, Kenansville, 6,000. Mrs. Mary P. Russell, Fort Barnwell, 6,500. Mrs. R. W. Lamb, Fort Barnwell, 6,400. Miss Sallie French, Fort Barnwell, 5,400. Miss Amy Ruth Joyner, Fort Barnwell, 6,000. Miss Sallie Cox, Richlands, 5,800. Miss Bona K. Basden, Richlands, 5,600. Mrs. John R. Shaw, Richlands, 6,900. Mrs. S. Lee Sadler, Richlands, R. F. D. No. 1, 6,800. Mrs. R. D. Jaiman, Richlands, R. F. D. No. 1, 7,400. Mrs. D. E. Pickford, Richlands, R. F. D. No. 2, 6,400. Miss Josephine Whaley, Richlands, R. F. D. No. 2, 5,400. Miss Kertie Sanderson, Richlands, R. F. D. No. 2, 6,000. Mrs. R. W. Hill, Comfort, R. F. D. No. 1, 5,400. Mrs. Tommie Koonce, Comfort, R. F. D. No. 1, 6,000. Miss Eula Eulanks, Comfort, R. F. D. No. 1, 6,500. Miss Pauline Meadows, Comfort, R. F. D. No. 1, 7,000. Miss Bettie Heath, Comfort, 7,300. Mrs. Maud Basden, Comfort, 6,900. Miss Sallie King, Comfort, 6,400. Mrs. Joseph Basden, Comfort, 6,000. Mrs. May Barwick, Grifton, 5,900. Mrs. G. T. Gardner, Grifton, 6,000. Miss Blanch Tucker, Grifton, 6,400. Miss Elsie Cannon, Grifton, 6,200. Miss Sallie Causeley, Grifton, R. F. D., 5,900. Miss Nannie Taylor, Grifton, 7,000. Miss Bettie Rouse, LaGrange, 6,000. Miss Annie Benton, LaGrange, 6,200. Miss Jesse Kennedy, LaGrange, 5,200. Miss Kate Rollings, LaGrange, 6,000. Mrs. Fannie Sutton, LaGrange, 6,500. Mrs. Vich Hardison, LaGrange, 7,000. Mrs. Bessie Joyner, LaGrange, 7,500. Mrs. Sallie White, LaGrange, 6,500. Miss Jesse Sutton, LaGrange, 6,000. Mrs. Lena Harris, Winterville, 6,300. Miss Emily Bagley, Graincets, 6,000. Miss Mattie McAuther, Graincets, 5,000. Mrs. D. Pittman, Graincets, 5,200. Miss Dora Miller, Hallsville, 5,400. Miss Nannie Rhodes, Hallsville, 6,300. Mrs. Dan Mitchell, Aila, 6,100. Mrs. J. C. Dawson, Hanrahan, 6,000. Miss Helen McLawhorn, Hanrahan, 6,500. Mrs. Will Forrest, Greenville, 5,000. Miss Annie Rives, Greenville, 5,400. Miss Alice Newell, Snow Hill, 5,300. Miss Nora Murphy, Snow Hill, 6,000. Mrs. Bertie Hardy, Snow Hill, 5,400. Mrs. Leon Prigden, Snow Hill, 6,500. Mrs. J. F. Jones, R. F. D., No. 3, Snow Hill, 5,600. Mrs. W. H. Hill, R. F. D., No. 3, Snow Hill, 6,300. Miss Glenn Sagers, R. F. D., No. 3, Snow Hill, 6,400. Miss Lotchen Hill, R. F. D., No. 3, Snow Hill, 6,000. Mrs. J. K. Smith, Ayden, 6,400. Mrs. J. R. Tingle, Ayden, 5,800. Mrs. Clayton Johnson, Ayden, 6,000. Miss Helen Dunn, Ayden, 6,400. Mrs. Bernice Harris, Ayden, 6,200. Miss Lula May, Southland, 5,000. Mrs. Emma Grady, Albertson, 5,400. Mrs. J. K. Sotherland, Albertson, 5,600. Mrs. Verda B. Grady, Albertson, R. F. D. No. 6, 5,300. Miss Mabel Herring, Mt. Olive, 5,400. Mrs. Lula Waller, Mt. Olive, 5,300. Mrs. Nora Outlaw, Mt. Olive, 5,300.

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COUNCIL AGREES TO LAYING NINE MORE BLOCKS OF ASPHALT

Petitions From Eastern and Northern Sections Granted On Monday Night — Bids for Big Extra Bond Issue Rejected

City Council Monday night granted petitions for the paving of nine blocks more with sheet asphalt, bringing the total of blocks up to about 90. The now paving will be laid as follows:

Pollock street, Washington to Vernon avenue, one block. East Lenoir avenue, Queen to McLewain, one block. East Grainger avenue, McLewain to Independent, one block. Washington avenue extended from end of paving to Perry street, two blocks. Gordon street extended, Vance to Orion, one block. Waters street, Vance to Orion, one block. Lenoir avenue, Pollock to Perry and thence north one block, total of three blocks.

Council rejected all bids for the bonds to be issued to cover the extra program street paving. Three concerns made offers. Four letters are said to be in the City Clerk's office advising the municipal authorities not to sell the issue, which will be for \$275,000 or \$300,000, until the bonds are about ready for delivery. Two of the advisors are said to be the largest bond buyers in the country. Much better than par and accrued interest, the best offered Monday night, can be secured for the issue the officials believe. It will be around September 1 when the issue is put out.

Council decided to purchase half a dozen garbage cans with stationary lids to be distributed as public cans in the business section. Resolutions concerning the borrowing of money for municipal improvements from a Durham bank passed final reading. The members were informed that the estimate of city construction expenditures in March was \$26,044.26. The city attorney was instructed to notify railroad companies that immediate compliance must be had with requests that they alter tracks in the city to conform to street grades, or legal action will be taken.

RESUME OPERATIONS AT SILK MILL N. E. PART OF THE CITY

Management of Plant Looking for Operatives—May Start Work Wednesday—Outlook for Enterprise Is Very Good, Declared

A section of the double-plant silk mill in the Northeastern part of the city will resume operations Wednesday, it is expected, after a suspension of many months. Dr. T. W. Thurston, the colored superintendent, stated today that strenuous efforts are being made to gather up enough of the former employees to commence work Wednesday. A hundred hands are wanted.

The business outlook is better than ever in the history of the industry, Dr. Thurston said. The market is better, material is plentiful, and the prices of material very satisfactory for the manufacturers. New Jersey capital is in control of the plant. Mr. H. W. Ashford of that State is here now in connection with the business. Dr. Thurston is well-known in the city. He has lived here about 10 years now, and has a reputation in business circles as a good manager, and the esteem of white as well as colored citizens for his excellent character. "We may not be able to

DUTCH ARMY MASS'D ALONG THE GERMAN FRONTIER, REPORT'D

London Hears Communication With Neighboring Empire Has Ceased BERLIN DOESN'T AGREE

Stated From There Holland Is Making War-like Preparations Because Britain Has Made Demand That Dutch Will Ignore

(By the United Press) London, April 4.—A Rome wireless message says it is learned at Zurich that Holland has closed the German frontier and is massing troops along the German border.

Berlin's Story Different. Berlin, April 4.—Holland, it is reported, has refused England's informal request that she close the frontier to Germany. Military measures have been taken as a warning that Holland will resist attempts to make her aid in England's starving out policy.

Reichstag to Hear Statement. Amsterdam, April 4.—Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg will make an important statement on the international situation to the Reichstag at tomorrow's session, a Berlin newspaper today stated.

STEIN RESTS WELL; IS NOT OUT DANGER; DEFENSE CONFIDENT

Harry Stein, shot and seriously wounded by Margaret Partello last Thursday night, was stated to be resting well this afternoon. His chance is anything but good yet, however. Counsel for the woman said today that her statement, taken at a preliminary hearing several nights ago, contained about the same things as related in The Free Press Monday from a statement by her to the Sheriff, to the effect that she shot Stein only after he had beaten, kicked and choked her. Her counsel said that she could not possibly be convicted.

THE DAY ON LOCAL COTTON EXCHANGE

Seventeen bales were receipts on the local cotton exchange today, all deliveries from previous sales. Today's futures quotations were: Open 2:40 May 11.88 11.79 October 12.01 11.93 October 12.07 12.05 December 12.25 12.22 January 12.33 12.31

CREECH AND HOLT OUT PRISON; BAILED TODAY

Appeal bonds were given today for Levy Creech, convicted in Recorder's Court last week for transporting and having whisky for sale and carrying a concealed revolver, and Worth Holt, a boy held as a witness. Relatives and friends of the couple came here from Johnson county to secure their release. A \$600 justified bond was given for Creech's liberation and \$100 for Holt's. Creech claims residence in Goldsboro.

Creech left an automobile in the hands of the authorities. The car was seized when the couple was arrested. He is under sentence of 26 months. His appeal will be heard in the next term of Superior Criminal court. "Get the labor immediately," he said, "but we would be delighted to secure enough operatives to put the entire plant in operation at once. We are going to get them."