

UNITED STATES HAS NO IDEA RECALLING  
TROOPS FROM MEXICO UNTIL GOVERNMENT  
OF CARRANZA IS ABLE TO TAKE UP WORK

**Absolutely No Intention Relinquishing Search for Villa Band or Bands Until They Are Broken Up or Carranzistas Prove Themselves Competent to Smash Them—Order to Funston Made Public Today—Commanding General Given Authority to Go the Limit—Believed Two or More Columns Troops Will Come Up With Out-look Chief Soon—Another Ride by Cavalry to Catch "Will-o'-the-Wisp"**

(By Carl D. Groat, United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, April 8.—The United States will regard the Mexican mission completed as soon as the de facto government is able to relieve the American forces of the task undertaken, or when "Villa's band or bands are broken up."

This became known from the original order given by the War Department to Funston to send the punitive expedition across the border. The War Department today revealed the now noted March 10th order in replying to Carranza's question of whether a time limit had been set for the expedition's operation.

The official text says:  
"You will promptly organize an adequate force under Pershing, and will direct him to proceed promptly across the border in pursuit of the Mexican bands which attacked Columbus. These troops will be withdrawn as soon as the de facto government is able to relieve them of the work. It will be regarded as finished as soon as Villa's band or bands are broken up. You are authorized to employ whatever guides and interpreters that may be necessary, and are given general authority to employ such transportation, including motor transportation with the necessary civilian personnel, as is required (deletion) (Signed) ADJT.-GEN. MC'CAIN."

Publication of the order at this time was interpreted by many here to mean that the Administration was preparing to withdraw the troops. High army officers and White House officials deny this flatly.

## Cavalry Driving Southward.

San Antonio, April 8.—With Villa the will-o'-the-wisp apparently located between Hato and Parral, American troops in at least two advanced columns are reported to be rushing southward for what may prove the repetition of Colonel Erwin's famous 17-hour ride to Geronimo, where the first engagement occurred.

## No Worry Over Supply Problem Now.

Washington, April 8.—The problem of sending supplies to the American man-hunters in Mexico gave the War and State departments less concern today than for some time past. Army men believed the co-operation of private mining concerns in having supplies billed to them and then turned over to the punitive expedition will solve the problem.

HARPER RESIGNS AS  
CAPTAIN OF HISTORIC  
CASWELL FIRE COMPY

Caswell Fire Company Friday evening elected L. O. Moseley foreman, Clay Andrews, assistant foreman and J. C. Dail, secretary.

Foreman Moseley was named to succeed P. S. B. Harper, a veteran fireman. Mr. Harper asked to be allowed to resign. He had seen much service. He was for many years an enthusiastic fireman, and was noted particularly for his interest in the annual State tournaments, in which Kinston racing teams he helped to develop frequently took prize money.

Placed on the "retired" list, or roster of honorary members, with Mr. Harper, were J. T. Skinner, H. C. Edwards, and Ed. Sumrell, all veterans of long service.

RUNAWAY DIRIGIBLE  
COMES DOWN TO EARTH

Pensacola, Fla., April 7.—The 80-foot naval dirigible balloon at the naval station here today was driven about by the wind for six hours before it descended at Argyle, Fla., 100 miles northeast of Pensacola.

You cannot enjoy summer if you haven't an automobile. The Free Press is giving two Maxwells away on the 13th of May.

Tempting? No. The Free Press contest is a promise.

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

**THREE VESSELS SUNK.**  
London, April 8.—Three British vessels, including the liner Chantala, have been sunk or blown up in the last 24 hours. All the crews were saved. It is believed the Chantala was sunk by a submarine.

**TRANSPORT SUBMARINED.**  
Paris, April 8.—A French submarine has sunk an Austrian transport in the Adriatic.

WOUNDED MARTIN CO.  
MAN WILL RECOVER

(By the Eastern Press)  
Williamston, N. C., April 8.—Cecil Moore, white, shot by John Guilford, held in jail here, is expected to recover, said a report from Everetts today. Guilford is charged with shooting Moore, with whom he is alleged to have been angry, through a window.

GREENE MAY SEND PAUL  
FRIZELLE TO ASSEMBLY

Everything in the way of politics in Greene county is serene. It is expected that not one of the Democratic incumbents will be opposed for reelection except Representative Mewborn, who, it is rumored, will retire. J. Paul Frizelle, now mayor of Snow Hill, is being mentioned as successor to Mewborn. Mr. Frizelle is a young lawyer well known in this part of

REPLY FROM BERLIN  
MAY HAVE SUMMONED  
THE PRESIDENT BACK

Hastens to Washington  
From Down River; Was  
to Stay Till Monday

## INTENTION OF GERMANY

Did Not Authorize Torpedoing of the Sussex, But  
Won't Agree to Disavow  
Attacking of Freighters  
England-Bound

(By the United Press)

Washington, April 8.—President Wilson will return to Washington late this afternoon, a wireless from the Mayflower, in which he is taking a Potomac river cruise, today said. No reason is assigned for the sudden change from his plans to remain away until Monday. It was suggested that the Mayflower ran into a blinding snowstorm, which proved too much for comfort. It is also intimated that he may have been wirelessed that Germany's preliminary report on the recent submarine activities would be here this afternoon.

Submarining of Sussex Unauthorized.

By CARL W. ACKERMAN.

(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Berlin, April 8.—If a German submarine torpedoed the Sussex the commander violated his instructions, it is unconditionally stated. But Germany will never disavow attacking freighters as long as they carry food to England, while England is trying to blockade Germany. It is said in regard to the Englishman case.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS  
OTHER E. CAROLINA  
CITIES AND COUNTIES

A negro woman named Gaskill at New Bern tells the police that two small colored boys engaged by her to dig in a garden unearthed a pot filled with gold coins and fled with the treasure. The police are trying to locate them.

The Bank of Vanceboro is lending money without security to pig club boys.

Nearly half a hundred students of the Pennsylvania State Forestry College are visiting the woodlands of Craven county. The faculty of the college says the finest collection of forestry growth in the Eastern United States is in Craven.

Secretary of State Bryan Grimes made the address at the Onslow county commencement in Jacksonville Friday.

Joseph Washburn, 22, died suddenly at Pollocksville, says a report. He was a leading citizen in spite of his youthfulness.

A CITY BEAUTIFIED BY  
CANNAS; PLANT MANY

(By the Eastern Press)

Washington, N. C., Apr. 8.—Monday will be "Canna day" here. Hundreds of canna plants have bloomed beside some of the local streets for two or three seasons past. Next week the women's clubs will plant thousands more. The Chamber of Commerce is expected to add "The City of Cannas" to its stationery. The Civic Club has asked every owner of a vacant lot fronting upon a street to lend it for temporary parking until it is needed, to make the town beautiful. The lilies blooming in profusion are striking to the eye.

HOLLAND PREPARING  
CALL MORE RESERVES

(By the United Press)

The Hague, April 8.—The government today introduced a parliament bill authorizing the calling of the 1917 class of recruits if the "military situation" continues.

RETURNS WARRANTS  
FOR JOHN DOE AND  
HIS CONFEDERATES

Sheriff Informs Solicitor  
That Lynchers Cannot Be  
Located—Official Witnesses  
Examined This Morning  
Without Result

The first hearing in the investigation into the lynching of Joseph Black was conducted in Recorder Wooten's Court in City Hall this morning, commencing at 10 o'clock. Solicitor Shaw examined the following witnesses:

Sheriff Williams and Coroner Harper of Greene county; Sheriff Taylor and Jailer Allen of Lenoir county; Chief Skinner and Patrolman J. E. Dupree, and Mr. W. H. Sutton, a citizen of Kinston.

Not one of those examined could state that he had recognized any member of the mob. Assistant Chief of Police Skinner saw the lynchers passing through the city to the jail, was hailed by several as "Hello, Skinner," etc., and was called a liar in a "friendly" fashion by one who asked him if he knew anything about a negro being secretly kept in the jail here. Skinner answering him to the effect that he believed a negro had been carried through the city to New Bern. Mr. Sutton told of hearing shots at the edge of the city and automobiles passing his house. The evidence developed practically nothing new. The hearing was ended with the

BAKER SAYS FLYING  
CORPS OF ARMY IS  
TO BE REORGANIZED

Complete Shaking Up In  
Branch—Plans Greatly  
Enlarged—Civilian Aviators  
to Be Added—Secretary  
Before Committee

(By the United Press)

Washington, April 8.—Entire reorganization of the War Department's aviation corps was promised by Secretary Baker before the House Military Committee today. This was regarded as an answer to questions concerning the result of the recent investigations.

Mr. Baker defended the aviation corps and said plans for the corps have been greatly enlarged, adding also civilian aviators.

FIERCE SNOW STORM  
SWEEPING THE NORTH  
ATLANTIC COAST NOW

New York, April 8.—From Virginia to New England the Atlantic coast is being swept by a fierce snowstorm.

intention of resuming it if new witnesses can be secured.

Sheriff Taylor this morning returned to the Solicitor a warrant for "John Doe and others," i. e., the lynchers, with the inclosure that they could not be found.

The Standing of The Contestants  
up to Friday night

**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, 12,200  
Mrs. Susan Dunn, Kinston, 5,600  
Miss Barbara Emory, Kinston, 6,400  
Miss Mary Farmer, Kinston, 13,100  
Miss Bessie Faulkner, Kinston, 6,500  
Miss Sarah Faulkner, Kinston, 9,200  
Mrs. Mamie Fitzgerald, Kinston, 6,000  
Miss Addie Ford, Kinston, 5,400  
Mr. Coy Stroud, Kinston, 11,900  
Miss Barbara Andrews, Kinston, 10,800  
Miss Bettie Barfield, Kinston, 5,300  
Miss Carrie L. Beasley, Kinston, 7,200  
Mrs. Clara Beeson, Kinston, 14,300  
Miss Katie Bell, Kinston, 5,400  
Miss Maggie Bissett, Kinston, 6,500  
Miss Georgia Bizzell, Kinston, 11,700  
Miss Nannie Bizzell, Kinston, 6,000  
Miss Ada Bostie, Kinston, 5,000  
Mrs. Henry Bradshaw, Kinston, 5,000  
Mrs. Mary L. Braswell, Kinston, 12,600  
Miss Anna Broadhurst, Kinston, 5,000  
Miss A. L. Broadway, Kinston, 5,400  
Miss G. V. Broadway, Kinston, 5,300  
Mrs. Laura Cummings, Kinston, 15,800  
Marianne LaRogue, Kinston, 6,000  
Miss Carrie B. Cox, Kinston, 10,000  
Mrs. F. L. Hooker, Kinston, 10,100  
Miss Lena Waller, Kinston, 13,700  
J. Colby Abbott, Kinston, 12,200  
Miss Bertie Cullom, Kinston, 9,800  
Mrs. W. G. Morris, Kinston, 15,800  
Miss Joanna Ennis, Kinston, 6,000  
Miss Kate Brown, Kinston, 11,700  
Miss Susan Canady, Kinston, 14,100  
Miss Lillie B. Cobb, Kinston, 6,300  
Miss Sella Buck, Kinston, 9,700  
Elizabeth Copeland, Kinston, 6,000  
Miss Dora Diamond, Kinston, 5,000  
Miss Katie Gaylor, Kinston, 8,200  
Marguerite Goodson, Kinston, 7,000  
Miss Lena Grady, Kinston, 5,600  
Miss Alice Grubbs, Kinston, 10,300  
Miss Lois Hart, Kinston, 7,900  
Mary Hartsfield, Kinston, 8,300  
Miss Prossie Heath, Kinston, 6,700  
Miss Martha Hines, Kinston, 7,000  
Miss Scotta Hobgood, Kinston, 6,500  
Miss Della Hyatt, Kinston, 14,700  
Miss Lula Isler, Kinston, 6,700  
Miss Lula Isler, Kinston, 6,700  
Miss Verna Johnson, Kinston, 6,500  
Miss Anna Patrick, Kinston, 8,700  
Miss Terry Mitchell, Kinston, 6,000  
Miss Florence Moore, Kinston, 9,300  
Miss Nannie Stanley, Kinston, 6,500  
Miss Annie Nobles, Kinston, 8,300  
Miss Daisy Outlaw, Kinston, 5,700  
Miss Eoline Padrick, Kinston, 9,100  
Miss Fannie Pollock, Kinston, 6,000  
Miss Roberta Pridgen, Kinston, 6,300  
Miss Mary Pridgen, Kinston, 10,300  
Miss Nannie Randolph, Kinston, 5,600  
Miss Amanda Rhodes, Kinston, 8,300  
Miss Lillian Rowe, Kinston, 5,400  
Miss Lida Lee Rhodes, Kinston, 10,400  
Miss Annie L. Scott, Kinston, 6,700  
Miss Ruth Simmons, Kinston, 5,800  
Miss Rosa Simpson, Kinston, 9,300  
Miss Nannie Stanley, Kinston, 6,500  
Miss Annie Stephenson, Kinston, 6,000  
Miss Maria Sutton, Kinston, 10,000  
Miss Verna Sutton, Kinston, 6,000  
Mrs. Nora Taylor, Kinston, 7,300  
Beattie V. Thornton, Kinston, 8,900  
Miss Jane Tilghman, Kinston, 14,300  
Miss Myrtle Tucker, Kinston, 5,600  
Miss Julia Tyndall, Kinston, 10,200  
Miss Bettie Underhill, Kinston, 5,000  
Miss Lena D. Weeks, Kinston, 7,900  
Miss Katie Whitehair, Kinston, 6,500

**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.

Mrs. Mabel Barwick, Seven Springs, 9,800  
Mrs. Winnie Thompson, Seven Springs, 10,200  
Mrs. Emma Barwick, Seven Springs, 8,300  
Miss Lula Outlaw, Seven Springs, 12,800  
Miss Mabel Grady, Seven Springs, 11,200  
Miss E. L. Stroud, Seven Springs, 10,900  
Miss Fannie Elmore, Seven Springs, 7,300  
Miss Lula Rouse, Seven Spgs., 9,100  
Miss Gertrude Grady, Seven Springs, R. F. D. No. 1, 10,300  
Mrs. J. J. Harper, Deep Run, 5,800  
Mrs. Lula Blizzard, Deep Run, 9,600  
Mrs. Annie Stroud, Deep Run, R. F. D. No. 2, 6,000  
R. F. D. No. 2, 6,000  
R. F. D. No. 2, 13,400  
Miss Sue Davis, Deep Run, 12,800  
Miss Tiffany Hill, Deep Run, R. F. D. No. 2, 14,300  
Mrs. Mildred Outlaw, Kenansville, 15,100  
Miss Jimmie Komegay, Kenansville, 9,100  
Mrs. Nancy Smith, Kenansville, 10,200  
Mrs. Mary P. Russell, Fort Barnwell, 6,500  
Mrs. R. W. Lamb, Fort Barnwell, 9,200  
Miss Sallie French, Fort Barnwell, 8,100  
Miss Amy Ruth Joyner, Fort Barnwell, 6,000  
Miss Sudie Cox, Richlands, 9,100  
Miss Bona K. Basden, Richlands, 5,600  
Mrs. John R. Shaw, Richlands, 10,300  
Mrs. S. Lee Sadler, Richlands, 7,000  
Mrs. C. D. Basden, Richlands, R. F. D. No. 1, 9,400  
R. F. D. No. 1, 7,400  
R. F. D. No. 1, 11,200  
Miss Josephine Whitney, Richlands, R. F. D. No. 2, 5,400  
Miss Katie Sanderson, Richlands, R. F. D. No. 2, 8,800  
Mrs. R. W. Hill, Comfort, R. F. D. No. 1, 5,400  
Mrs. Tommie Koonce, Comfort, R. F. D. No. 1, 9,300  
Miss Eula Eubanks, Comfort, R. F. D. No. 1, 6,500  
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CRAIG SHOULD TAKE  
PRECAUTION TO GET  
TROOPS SNOW HILL

When Trial of Will Black  
Comes Off, Says Greene  
County Paper—Negro  
Blacks Inherited Criminal  
Tendencies, Claimed

"Governor Craig and the authorities had just as well take notice now that Will Black without the protection of troops will stand a poor show in Greene county. It is to be hoped that every measure for safeguarding the majesty of the law will be taken," says the Snow Hill Standard-Laconic, referring to the coming trial of the assault filed there in May.

The lynching of Joseph Black, father of Will Black, by a mob who took him from the Kinston jail Wednesday, "removes a notoriously bad character from the county," says the Standard-Laconic. The paper refers to Joseph Black's incendiary remarks and his former criminal record. "Will Black, while of no kin so far as is known to the rapist Dock Black, who was hanged here several years ago while R. D. S. Dixon was sheriff of the county, comes from a criminally-inclined ancestry," the Standard-Laconic states. Joseph Black had served several terms on the roads and in jail. "A brother, Nathan Black, is said to be in the State prison now; his son, Clarence Black, and a brother of the rapist Will Black, is now serving a term on the Greene county roads for breaking into and robbing the Walstonburg depot a year or so ago."

THE HONOR ROLL  
STARTS ON MONDAY

The Free Press Starts Honor Roll for Enterprising Candidates—Most Important Week of All—Two-Pound Box of Lowney's Chocolates Fresh From Skinner's

One of the most exciting weeks of the whole contest in which the Free Press is giving away two Maxwell Cars and many other valuable prizes starts on Monday, the 10th.

On that day and continuing throughout the entire week, the Contest Manager will create an Honor Roll, which will be published each day for one week, at the head of the contest story. The candidate who turns in the most money on subscriptions throughout the day will receive the Honor Roll position for the following day. A new name will be added each day. The Honor Roll is of the utmost importance to the candidates and their campaign. The entire public will be watching this Honor Roll, and it will be of no little importance to place your name in this place of distinction. A few subscriptions each day may put your name there. The race for the first position on Monday will be an exciting one. The closing hour for the Honor Roll will be 9 o'clock in the evening. Whatever your plans may be, be sure to get on this Honor Roll at least once during the week.

**Honor Roll Prizes.**  
In addition to the Honor Roll, and in connection with it, the Contest Manager will give a special prize every night to the Honor Roll candidate. The candidate who succeeds in making this place of distinction will receive a two-pound box of Lowney's famous chocolates fresh from Skinner's at 127 North Queen street.

Announcement will be made each evening in The Free Press who the Honor Roll candidate for the previous day was, and as soon as the announcement is made, the candidate may receive the candy. In the case of outside candidates winning, the special box of Lowney's Candy will be mailed, if it is impossible for those people to call at the Contest Manager's office.

Be sure to make a special effort to place your name on this Honor Roll at least once during this week, for it will mean wonderful support for you during the rest of the contest. If you do not believe the public is taking great interest in this con-

FRENCH DEFENSE OF  
BETHINCOURT SAID  
TO AMAZE ENGLAND

Crown Prince Trying to  
Squeeze Them Out of  
Their Positions

## A HAIL OF PROJECTILES

Bursting Over Lines of Joffre's Men—Germans Hoping to Capture Big Salient of Verdun Works by Superhuman Effort

(By the United Press)

London, Eng., April 8.—The Crown Prince has thrown large forces across the Meuse in a determined effort to squeeze the French from their positions at Bethincourt, Paris today reported. A veritable shell storm is bursting over both sides of the French salient. A French defense at Bethincourt is considered marvelous.

Germans Gains Claimed.

Berlin, April 8.—The Germans have captured French positions a mile wide near Harcourt, the war office today announced.

THE DAY ON COTTON  
COTTON EXCHANGE

Less than ten bales of cotton had been sold here today by 2 o'clock. The best price paid was 11.81.

New York futures quotations were:  
May .. 11.80 11.90  
July .. 11.96 12.06  
October .. 12.16 12.22  
December .. 12.31 12.38  
May .. 12.37 12.43

KILLED HIMSELF AND  
TRIED TO KILL WIFE

Danville, April 7.—John Edward Lanier, wealthy member of a distinguished Virginia family, living at Chatham, shot his wife today and then turned a pistol on himself and meeting instantaneous death. No reason except despondency, for which there is no evident cause, was attributed to his action. He was married in December to Miss Elizabeth Pigg. Mrs. Lanier will recover. Twenty years ago Lanier's father ended his life in the same way.

NEGRO BLOCKADER SHOT  
IN RAID ON A STILL

Siler City, April 7.—Deputy Collectors E. L. Hedrick and F. C. Hedrick and F. C. Tolbert closed in on a still in full blast, three miles southeast of Siler City, and caught the negro operator, Green McLean. McLean ran full into Tolbert and in the scuffle that ensued, Tolbert's pistol was accidentally discharged, the bullet plowing through McLean's arm and deep into his side. He was carried to the Sanford Hospital.

EXPLOSION KILLS ONE,  
BADLY INJURES ANOTHER

High Point, April 7.—S. S. Martin was seriously burned and Eli Ingram, a negro, was killed today as a result of a boiler explosion in the plant of the High Point laundry.

You cannot win one of the cars unless you try. The thing to do is to try.

test, just ask the next person that you meet on the street, who is ahead. The chances are that you will be told offhand who the leader is.

Do not forget that you will receive a big extra vote coupon for 50,000 votes on every Ten Dollars' worth of NEW subscriptions as fast as you secure them, and as soon as the Ten Dollars is completed your big extra coupon will be given to you.