

VILLA TRYING TO FORM A JUNCTION WITH FORCE OF THREE THOUSAND MEN; IS DAY'S RIDE AHEAD OF THE PURSUING CAVALRY

Has Couple Hundred Followers and Fresh Horses—Troops Hanging to the Trail—Arrieta Brothers' Army Would Give Bandit Force Larger Than Detachments Following Him—Rumors Emanating From Border Country Give Washington Much Concern—Carranza's Attitude as Officialdom Sees It Nothing If Not Friendly—First Chief Seems to Be Aiding In Every Way Possible, Officials Declare

(By the United Press)

El Paso, April 10.—Hanging doggedly onto Villa's trail, the American cavalry is in the desolate Sierras around Parral. At least twenty-four hours ahead of them, Villa with two hundred men and fresh horses, is reported to be at Magistal, Durango. It is believed Villa desperately trying to form a junction with the Arrieta brothers, who have three thousand men near Durango city.

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

Washington, April 10.—While hope for early success of the Mexican punitive expedition grew today, the Department speeded up the investigation into the "inspiration" for certain rumors from the border which tended to prejudice relations between the United States and the Carranza government. The usual crop of rumors admittedly plagued the officials, who declared they have no indication of anything but friendliness and helpfulness from the Carranzistas.

DR. WAITE ARRAIGNED PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Man Accused of Murdering Wealthy Father-in-Law in Court of General Sessions Today—Back to the Tombs—Counsel Asks Leave to Withdraw Plea if It's Desired

(By the United Press)

New York, April 10.—Dr. Arthur Warren Waite pleaded not guilty to the charge of murdering John E. Peck, his millionaire father-in-law, today in the Court of General Sessions. He was remanded to the Tombs. Waite's attorney asked leave to withdraw his plea, "or make such motions as we think proper within ten days."

NO ATTEMPT TO KEEP CONGRESS IN SESSION

Washington, April 9.—Administration leaders in Congress are exerting unusual efforts to expedite legislation with a view to an adjournment early in the summer and are meeting with co-operation on the part of the minority in both Houses. There are no indications of intention to prolong debate or attempt to block the administration's legislative program.

WOMEN WORKERS INCREASING.

Washington, April 10.—Government statistics show that there are 8,000,000 women workers in the United States, and the number is constantly increasing.

THE DAY ON LOCAL COTTON EXCHANGE

About eight bales of cotton had been sold here today by 3 o'clock. The best price paid was 11.27 1-2, for middling grade cotton.

New York futures quotations were:

	Open	Close
May	11.87	11.89
July	12.00	12.05
October	12.28	12.20
December	12.40	12.38
January	12.45	12.42

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

FOUR SHIPS SUNK.
London, April 10.—Four more British steamers have been sunk in the last twenty-four hours—Worth Hall, Gley Almond, Zafra and Yonce.

ATTACKS THE FOREIGN POLICY OF PRESIDENT

David Jayne Hill Recounts to Navy League "Killing of Hundreds American Citizens, Shooting Down of Troops on United States Soil and Invasion Two States" in a Year

(By the United Press)

Washington, Apr. 10.—Declaring that within the past year several hundred American women, children and men had been killed on the high seas and on land, that two states had been invaded and that American soldiers had been shot down on American soil, David Jayne Hill today vigorously attacked the Administration's foreign policy before the Navy League Meeting.

REMARKABLE LAKE IN EASTERN PART STATE

Superintendent Brickhouse of the Kenly, N. C., schools, was a visitor here for the week-end. He was discussing Lake Phelps, in Tyrrell county, in connection with the assertion that Eastern North Carolina is one of the oddest places in the world although the people of the State have never fully realized it; that is, no one except Col. Fred Olds, who sometime since advanced the information that Pamlico Sound was a large body of "fresh" water. The fishermen and sailors of the sound country have not gotten over that yet.

Lake Phelps is as large as a good-sized township—some 12 miles long, but not as broad. It is in State Senator Majette's district, and he thinks it one of the most remarkable things in creation. Senator Majette is well known here.

The lake is believed to be fed by the largest spring in the world. It is deeper than the average fresh water lake in this part of the country, and its water is clear as crystal. It is a fisherman's paradise and the speckled and spangled beauties can be seen swimming about over the bottom. Senator Majette is said to entertain the belief that the lake occupies a crater of a volcano extinct for ages.

There is a great natural "levee" encircling it, and it is said to be tremendously deep somewhere about the center. The water probably follows the slope of the land from a far distance, and not from the mountains in the west, it is thought. The overflow, which goes off into Scuppernon river, and ultimately into one of the sounds, rushes out like a mill race. Storms on little Lake Phelps, it is said, are as terrible as those on the ocean. The place is noted for its gales and the high seas, although, of course, there is practically no traffic upon it.

The lake is surrounded by fine farms and handsome old ante-bellum homes, it is said. And to the eastward along the watercourses there are dozens of colonial homes, occupied by families whose forbears were there before the Revolution. The curio seeker has not found out the section, nor has the pleasure-seeker's attention been directed to beautiful Lake Phelps. The lake may yet be discovered, however, and a summer colony established on its shores. Old furniture the like of which is not to be found this side of New England can be bought for a sum in the section, it is said. There are several pieces of it in Kinston now, discovered by a person who had no reason to advertise his good luck. The pieces' value is ten times what he gave for them.

RANGER KILLS NEGRO SOLDIER NEAR BORDER

Del Rio, Texas, April 9.—Private John Wade, of Company C, Twenty-fourth United States Infantry, a negro regiment, was killed here late last night by State Ranger Barler, when two rangers and Sheriff Almond attempted to arrest sixteen negro soldiers who had created a disturbance in a house in the restricted district.

Make your spare time profit time—Win a Golden prize in the Free Press Contest.

AT LEAST WEEK YET BEFORE SETTLEMENT SUSSEX CASE, SAID

Liner Bearing Important Evidence for This Government, Due to Arrive Today, Will Not Reach U. S. Until Friday

(By United Press)

Washington, April 10.—The Sussex case must wait another week before settlement.

Another delay was faced today when news was received that the liner St. Paul, bearing affidavits that will form an important part of this government's evidence, instead of docking today may not arrive before Friday.

German Reply Coming Tonight.

Washington, April 10.—Developments in the relations between the United States and Germany are rapidly drawing to a climax. Germany is believed to have entered a not guilty plea to all the counts which circumstances have raised against her in the recent sea disasters.

The United States is still convinced that German submarines were responsible. Ambassador Gerard called today that he expected to send the German answer to the informal inquiries regarding the Sussex late today. Ambassador Von Bernstorff asked and was granted a conference with Secretary Lansing.

NO EXCUSE FOR THE RISE IN PETROLEUM PRICES DISCOVERED

Considerably More Crude Oil and Gasoline in United States Now Than Last Year, the Federal Trade Commission Reports

(By the United Press)

Washington, Apr. 10.—Instead of decreased supply as believed, there were nearly thirty million more gallons of crude petroleum in February, 1916 than in February of 1915, and over twenty million more gallons of gasoline in January of 1916 than in the last December, the Federal Trade Commission reported to the Senate today, following the soaring Petroleum price probe. Only 15 per cent of the total gasoline production was exported.

BETHEL SCHOOL WINS IN BIG TRACK MEET

(Special to The Free Press.)
Bethel, N. C., April 10.—Bethel High School won first place in the annual track meet held at Greenville Friday. This meet is held annually under the auspices of the North Carolina High School Association. The meet held at Greenville was for the northeastern division; there are 20 counties in the division. Gatesville High School took second place. Lilly, from Gatesville High School, was the largest individual point winner. This is the second year in succession that Bethel has won the cup. The Bethel team may now go to Chapel Hill to participate in the statewide track meet next Friday.

CIVIL COURT OPENED TODAY; WEEK'S TERM

Superior Court for the trial of civil causes was convened by Judge W. M. Bond of Edenton at the Court-house this morning shortly after 10 o'clock.

The term is expected to last about a week. The calendar is not a lengthy one. Members of the bar anticipate no very interesting contests during the term.

HONOR ROLL CANDIDATES WILL BE A BIG FEATURE

Interest Is Keen for First Positions—Honor Roll Created for New Contestants to Come to the Front.

HONOR ROLL

Highest Daily Cash Report on Subscriptions
Two-Pound Box of Lowney's Chocolates, fresh from Skinner's, at 127 N. Queen Street, will be given to each Honor Roll candidate.

This space will be occupied by the Honor Roll candidates' names.

Today is the first day of the Honor Roll. The space above is to be used for the Honor Roll in the Daily Free Press contest. Tomorrow afternoon the name of the first contestant who makes the Honor Roll will appear in this space. This additional distinction is given to those contestants who turn in the most money on subscriptions each day this week. A new name will be added to the list each day. The record for the initial position is going to be taken from the returns of today, up to nine o'clock this evening.

Honor Roll Important.

The Honor Roll is going to be very important to those candidates who succeed in reaching it, for after it is completed, it will stand throughout the contest for the benefit of the public, in helping them to decide whom to cast their votes in this great friendly battle of ballots. With the Honor Roll the real work in the contest has commenced. Already this feature has created much interest. The public is watching it and the rivalry for the first position promises to be very keen. All over the territory the question is, who will be the first Honor Roll candidate.

Each Honor Roll contestant will receive a two-pound box of Lowney's Chocolates fresh from Skinner's, at 127 N. Queen street. Lowney's chocolates are so well known that it is not necessary to state that they are without an equal.

You Should Enter Now.

It is not too late to enter for the contest is practically just getting under motion. Anyone can enter and in a few hours' time can make the Honor Roll and place themselves in the most prominent position in the contest. All subscription payments, of a dollar or more, count for votes in the contest according to the printed schedule on another page. If there is anything about the contest that you do not understand write, call, or phone the Contest Manager and he will gladly explain all of the details to you. His office is in the Whitaker building, and his phone number is 100. A subscription or two may put you on the Honor Roll and start you in towards winning one of those Maxwells on the 13th of May.

Voting Schedule.

	Daily Free Press.	
5 years	\$20.00	90,000
4 years	\$16.00	60,000
3 years	\$12.00	40,000
2 years	\$8.00	25,000
1 year	\$4.00	10,000
6 months	\$2.00	3,500
3 months	\$1.00	1,400

Semi-Weekly Free Press.

5 years	\$5.00	15,000
4 years	\$4.00	10,000
3 years	\$3.00	6,500
2 years	\$2.00	3,500
1 year	\$1.00	1,400

ORPET MURDER TRIAL IS SET FOR TODAY

Waukegan, Ill., April 10.—The trial of William H. Orpet, Wisconsin University youth, charged with the murder of Marion Lambert, pretty Lake Forest High School girl, was scheduled to begin here today before Circuit Judge Donnelly.

Attorneys for Orpet planned to ask a continuance until October. The case is before Donnelly on a change of venue from Circuit Judge Edwards. Judge Donnelly probably will hold the trial at Woodstock in McHenry county.

EVIDENCE MAY YET BE SECUR'D AGAINST LYNCHERS, THOUGHT

No Amateur Detectives Are to Be Turned Loose on the Job, However, Officials Think—Some Local Sleuths No Good, Stated

Officials do not believe that the investigation into last week's lynching has been stopped for good. Solicitor Shaw is understood to be seeking new evidence. "One good sleuth could secure the indictment of a dozen men in 48 hours' time," said a Greene county man here today. He intimated that persons living in the vicinity of the Pitt-Greene line are talking freely.

It is not known if detectives will be employed, of course. Some of the authorities say that it is not likely that amateurs would be trusted on such a mission, however. One local amateur some time since was mistaken for a poor unfortunate of weak mind, and bungled a little job that he was on, fearfully, it is said. It was rumored Saturday night that Solicitor Shaw had received a threatening message from someone over long distance telephone in connection with the investigation. He declared that the report was groundless.

DAUGHRIDGE ORATOR MAKES ADDRESS HERE

J. O. W. Gravely of Rocky Mount, of the Daughtridge campaign committee, spoke in the Courthouse this afternoon in the interest of the candidacy of Lieut.-Gov. E. L. Daughtridge for the gubernatorial nomination. A fair crowd heard Mr. Gravely's address. He is convinced that the former aspirant has a splendid chance.

REPUBS. ENDORSE JIM JORDAN FOR COMMISS'R

W. James Jordan of Snow Hill was late Saturday endorsed for the State Commissionership of Labor and Printing by the Republican State Committee at Greensboro. The recommendation followed a spirited contest between adherents of Mr. Jordan and Jos. F. Barrett of Asheville.

CUMMINS AND WILSON FAVORITES IN IOWA

Des Moines, Ia., April 10.—Iowa voters are at the polls today casting their ballots at Iowa's first presidential preference primary. Candidates for delegates at large, alternates, district delegates, and alternates, national committeemen and state committeemen are being selected for all the parties. The vote promises to be large and Cummins delegates for the Republicans and Wilson delegates for the Democrats are conceded.

NATION-WIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST STARTED IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD ROADS EVERYWHERE

Washington, April 9.—A nationwide photographic contest in the interest of the "Good Roads Everywhere" movement, with cash prizes of \$2,600 open to everybody, was announced at the National Highways Association headquarters here today. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and the two well-known writers, Miss Ida M. Tarbell and Mr. Mark Sullivan, will serve as judges in the contest.

The photographs selected in the competition will be used to establish in Washington a national exhibit on the good roads problem designed primarily to promote a nationally conceived scheme of highways.

In connection with the pending legislation in Congress to have the federal government shoulder a part of the task of "good roads" construction, the National Highways Association, it is explained, desires to have adopted a plan for a system of national highways, surveyed and located by expert engineers, so that federal funds will not be spent in a hit or miss "pork barrel" fashion, but in accordance with a scientific plan as any railroad is built or as the government itself did in the case of the Panama Canal.

FALL BETHINCOURT FOLLOWED BY HARD FIGHTING ON WINGS

Crown Prince Attempting to Break Up French Flanks at Verdun

LOSS OF LIFE APPALLING

Combat as Fierce as That Which Marked Beginning of Teutons' Campaign Against the Stronghold—No Lull Since Capture

(By the United Press)

London, April 10.—With no lull in the fierce fighting northwest of Verdun, the Crown Prince today followed up the Bethincourt success with ferocious drives against the French wings, five miles apart. The fierceness of the attacks was the equal of that of the first days of the great drive. The losses on both sides are appalling.

German Losses So Far Nearly 3,000,000.

London, April 10.—German losses to date have totalled over 2,730,000, newspapers figure by adding up the German officials' casualty lists. Of these over 681,000 were killed.

French Admit Reverses.

Paris, April 10.—The Germans have penetrated French positions to a depth of five hundred yards at the advanced positions on hill 295, in violent assaults from Dead Man hill, the war office today admitted. All other attacks have been repulsed.

TOBACCO CONVENTION WASHINGTON IN MAY

New York, April 9.—A national convention representative of all branches of the tobacco industry said to be the first of its kind in the world will be held in Washington May 29. It was announced here tonight by the Tobacco Merchants' Association of the United States. The purpose announced will be to exchange views and formulate policies for the betterment of the industry. President Wilson will be invited to attend a banquet after the convention.

BODY OF NEGRESS IN ROAD; NATURAL DEATH

Wilson, April 9.—The dead body of Edna Daniel, a 60-year-old colored woman, was found in a shallow pool of water in the roadway near Toisnot bridge yesterday morning. There was no evidence of foul play, and the body was turned over to the woman's father, "Doctor" Ben Woolard, without the ceremony of an inquest.

You will want an automobile to enjoy the warm summer nights. This is your opportunity to get one.