

LANSING WILLING TO CONFER WITH THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR ON PROPOSAL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS, IT IS BELIEVED

Detailed Instructions On Administration's Attitude Forwarded to Consul in Mexico City—Second Fight at Parral a Certainty, But No Details Have Been Had—Much Property Destroyed in Rioting, Says Message to American Promoter—Oregon Had Nothing to Say of Damage to Private Interests' Affairs in Official Statement—Resolution to Prevent Exportation of Arms and Munitions

(By the United Press)

Washington, April 15.—Detailed instructions on the official attitude regarding Carranza's withdrawal suggestions were today dispatched to Consul Rogers at Mexico City by Secretary Lansing. The dispatch is believed to contain information that Lansing is willing to formally discuss the matter with Arredondo.

Verification Second Parral Fight.

Washington, April 15.—State Department consular dispatches today confirmed reports of a second fight at Parral. There were no details.

Rioting at Parral?

El Paso, April 15.—Rioting in which much property was destroyed followed the Parral clash, according to advices to A. J. McQuatters of Boston, president of the Alvarado Mining & Milling Co. of Parral. Carranza Consul Garcia, quoting a telegram from War Minister Obregon, denied the story.

Would Stop Exportation Arms.

Washington, April 15.—Representative Redenburg of Illinois today introduced a resolution prohibiting the exportation of arms and ammunition into Mexico.

Great Activity Along Lines.

Columbus, N. M., April 15.—The greatest activity since the troops crossed the border was shown throughout last night and today, while entrenchments and rifle pits were being constructed along the communication lines in Mexico. Fifty-four new motor trucks are in operation. The engineer corps is building defensive works at Boca Grande, Ascension, Aspia and Dublan to resist possible attacks, and machine guns and light artillery and barbed wire entanglements are being installed.

CARRANZA NOT A WISE OLD GUY; NAW

Lots and Lots of Persons in the U. S. A. Ready to Try for His Scalp—Local Stories of the Awful War on the Other Side of the Rio Grande. Army From Comedian's Viewpoint

The Mexican situation is responsible for a wave of patriotism throughout the country. There are militia officers in this part of the State who believe the National Guard will be called out within a fortnight. "The trouble South of the border would not be the only thing to prompt mobilization, however," according to the opinion of one officer well up; "there's a bigger problem ahead; why should the War Department take the precaution to get at least a couple of full divisions assembled for team work and hardening up?"

A local man brought from Washington a story of a negro trooper who dared to cross the border to fight a Mexican, declared that: "You can talk all you want to now, mister, but first thing you-all know they ain't goin' ter be no line here. It'll be picked up and put away down on 'other side the Panama canal.'" The lynching here last week prompted a newspaperman to ask Mayor Bangert of New Bern what he would do should there be an attempt to pull off such stunt there. He'd pull off his coat and fight until the last drop of blood in his body had been shed, he declared. The Washington correspondent is going to New Bern? Send him to Mexico."

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS BESTOW JEWELS AND INSTALL OFFICERS

Deputy Grand Eminent Commander Joseph Rhem of New Bern installed new officers of St. Paul's Commandery No. 18, Knights Templar, here Friday night. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of invited guests, including wives of the Knights Templars.

ADDRESS TO FIREMEN ON FIRST AID WORK

Dr. W. T. Parrott, surgeon for the fire department, will address members and their families on first aid at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the city hall.

SUPERIOR COURT TO END TERM TONIGHT

The present term of Civil Superior Court will be adjourned, sine die tonight, Clerk Heath said today.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)
FRENCH HOLD OWN.
Berlin, April 15.—French grenade attacks southwest of Ft. Douaumont last night proved ineffective, the war office announced today.

GERMANY MAY HAVE EXPLAIN INVERLYN CASE TO THE U. S.

Americans On Board Vessel Sunk by Gunfire On April Eleventh

FULL MEASURE SAFETY?

One Boat Sunk—U. S. Citizens in Copenhagen Hospital—Was in Lifeboat Exposed to Danger for 36 Hours, Reported

(By United Press)

Washington, April 15.—The Aberdeen bark Inverlyon, from Portland, Ore., to Limerick, Ireland, was sunk by gunfire on April 11, it is said at the State Department, following receipt of a message which reads: "Inverlyon sunk a hundred miles west of Valencia; unarmed; no attempt to escape. Only fifteen minutes were allowed the crew in which to escape. One boat with 12 persons, including two Americans, landed; other boat lost."

Officials admitted a serious question involving American rights in the Inverlyon case. This government has always demanded that a "full measure of safety" be accorded. Such a "measure of safety" does not mean merely putting everyone in small boats, but considers the distance from shore and condition of the water, the United States holds. It must be considered as a fact that one boatload of the men lost their lives and that those of the men in the other boat, reached shore, were jeopardized.

Virginian a Survivor.
Copenhagen, April 15.—William Rose of Lake City, Va., an American member of the torpedoed steamer Inverlyon's crew is in the hospital here suffering from exposure. He spent thirty-six hours in a lifeboat without food.

FACING TWO YEARS ON ROADS, SWANNER COMMITTED SUICIDE

Took Alternative and Left State—Hard Luck—Returned Home and Was Hunted—Tragic Affair at Grimesland This Morning

(By the Eastern Press)
Washington, N. C., Apr. 15.—William Swanner, about 35 years of age, shot himself through the heart at the home of J. L. Edwards in Grimesland this morning about the breakfast hour.

Swanner was several months ago sentenced to two years on the roads here after conviction on whisky charges, but given the alternative of leaving the State. He went to Norfolk. Last week he returned here. The police started a search for him. Swanner escaped.

Edwards said Swanner went to his place a day or two ago, in want and despondent. He told of a long period of hardships and mental suffering. He was the adopted son of a Beaufort county planter.

Swanner Had Money.

Greenville, April 15.—One hundred and sixty dollars was taken from the pockets of Will Swanner of Washington, who committed suicide at Grimesland today.

MRS. JAY SMITH, LEON, HIGHEST HONOR FRIDAY

All Contestants Are Fighting Hard for the Final Honor Roll Position—Forty Thousand Extra Votes of Great Importance.

HONOR ROLL

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

- Mr. H. L. Pate, La Grange, R. 3, Monday.
- Miss Lucille Brown, Ayden, Tuesday.
- Miss Dora Diamond, Kinston, Wednesday.
- Miss Glenn Suggs, Snow Hill, Thursday.
- Mrs. Jay Smith, Leon, Friday.

District No. 2 seems to have the best of the Honor Roll. Once again the outside district wrested the Honors away from the city of Kinston. Mrs. Jay Smith of Leon succeeded in placing her name on the rostrum of honor. Close behind Mrs. Smith was Miss Fleta Marshburn of Dover.

Both of these candidates are new entries and have come to the front with a rush. Among the best reports of the day was the report of Mr. H. L. Pate of LaGrange, who won the Honor Roll for the first day. Others who had good reports are Mr. Coy Stroud of Kinston, Miss Delia Hyatt, Miss Jane Tilghman, Miss Theresa Kilpatrick, Miss Lottie Whitfield, Miss Gertrude Howard, Miss Allie D. Gaynor, Miss Sadie Waller, and Miss Sarah Faulkner. There is only one more place on the Honor Roll.

There is no doubt that his place is to be hard fought for. Those who have failed to make it thus far will endeavor to win on their last chance. And moreover, all are anxious to receive the large box of Lowney's chocolates which go to the winner. These chocolates are furnished by Skinner & Son, at 127 North Queen street.

40,000 Extra Votes.

The extra vote offer for the 40,000 coupon on the sets of five NEW six-months' subscriptions to the Daily and five NEW yearly subscriptions to the Semi-Weekly, has doubled the interest this week. The importance of this vote offer cannot be over emphasized. It is by far the most critical period of the whole contest. People are watching the list to see who des-

SALVATION ARMY TO HAVE QUARTERS IN SOUTHERN PART CITY

The Salvation Army will probably establish barracks in South Kinston, it was stated today. Announcement was made several days ago that the army would locate a post here. Capt. Vendeville, who will be in charge, says the post probably will have headquarters on or near South Queen street.

UNION DEPOT WILL GO AT INDEPENDENT & GORDON STREETS

Final Order to Railroads From the Corporation Commission

DID ENTER A PROTEST

Norfolk Southern and A. C. L. Objected to Location But Were Overruled, Said On Good Authority—Delay Unlikely

The Corporation Commission, according to information received from an unqualified source by a member of the Chamber of Commerce, has finally ordered the Norfolk Southern and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroads to build the Kinston Union passenger station on the "Presbyterian church property," at Independent and Gordon streets.

It is known that the railroads last week submitted plans which made out a strong case against the site to the commission, but their objections were overruled.

It is presumed that the last order commanding the station to be built at the site favored by the Chamber of Commerce is final, and that negotiations with owners of the property will be commenced right away.

REPORT OF THE COTTON MARKET

About four bales of cotton had been sold here today by 3 o'clock, prices ranging from 10.90 to 11.12c.

New York futures quotations were:

May	11.84	11.86
July	11.99	12.00
October	12.16	12.16
December	12.32	12.35
January	12.36	12.40

PRECINCT MEETINGS BEING HELD IN ALL LENOIR DISTRICTS

Choosing Delegates to Convention and Executive Committeemen—Local Meetings at Noon; Most Rural Primaries Later

Democratic precinct primaries are being held in all the 13 precincts of Lenoir county today, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the coming county convention, choosing precinct executive committeemen, etc.

The meetings in the two Kinston precincts were held at noon.

In the First precinct meeting J. A. McDaniel presided as chairman. C. W. Forlaw was secretary. The organization was made permanent. The following delegates were selected: J. A. McDaniel, W. D. Pollock, N. J. Rouse, E. B. Lewis, H. P. Fort, J. B. Dawson, J. C. Kennedy, C. W. Pridgen, C. M. Allen, and W. D. LaRoque. The following were named on the precinct committee: C. W. Forlaw, chairman; D. Oettinger, V. E. Weyher, H. P. Fort and R. H. Lewis, Jr. The meeting was in the Courthouse.

The Second precinct primary was held in the Eagle warehouse, North Kinston. D. F. Wooten presided and John Hall Manning was secretary. The temporary organization was made permanent. The following were named delegates: L. P. Tapp, W. H. Sutton, Y. T. Ormond, J. M. Parrott, R. T. Haskins, N. B. Moore, John G. Dawson, F. A. Whitaker, Walter Thomas, Thutina Wade, W. T. Worthington, P. A. Hooker, D. F. Wooten, George L. Suggs, L. T. Farmer, E. V. Webb.

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LEAVE DOOR OPEN FOR GERMANY TO FIND HONORABLE WAY OUT, POLICY OF U. S., BUT SATISFACTION MUST BE GIVEN NOW

Lansing Expected to Complete Message This Afternoon. To Confer With President and Foreign Relations Committees of Senate and House—Communication Decisive—Calls for Immediate Showdown—Additional Information to Be Incorporated, Proving to Imperial Government That America Knows the Truth and Will Stand for No Further Attempt Back Out of Responsibility for Submarine Disasters

(By the United Press)

Washington, April 15.—The final touches are being put on this government's submarine communication to Germany. Affidavits from American officials abroad are here. Some will be used as exhibits. Additional information will be embodied in the communication. If Secretary Lansing completes the work today he will confer with the President before night, and later will confer with the foreign relations committees of the Senate and House, probably tonight. The communication is known to be intended to be decisive, permitting of no delay and insisting on satisfaction. However, the door will be left open for Germany to find an honorable way out.

Congress Stands By President.

Washington, April 15.—Administration leaders and opponents alike in Congress are prepared to leave the German situation up to the President. Friendly leaders are unanimously behind any program, however drastic, for the submarine controversy, but some are openly opposed to any step toward the withdrawal of troops from Mexico.

GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS CHAMPIONSHIP

Affirmative From Upstate School Wins in Debating Final at Chapel Hill Over Wilson Negative of Kinston-Greenville-Wilson Triangle—North Carolina Patriotic, Sure

Raleigh, April 15.—North Carolina apparently wants a bigger navy. The statewide debate on the subject, with 325 schools and 1,300 pupils entered, with a hundred thousand persons in the audiences, was won by the affirmative. The final debate was held at the University of North Carolina last night, with the Graham high school winner. The Wilson High negative team was the loser.

OHIO'S BEST FARMER BOYS GO TO COLLEGE

Columbus, O., Apr. 14.—Free, 4-year college courses in Ohio U's Agricultural school will be awarded to the twenty best farmer boys in Ohio here today.

For months hundreds of young fellows on Ohio farms have been doing their best to prove to the State School Superintendent that they can raise better crops, run farms more efficiently than others and have the makings of agricultural experts in them.

FOREST FIRES SWEEPING TWO COUNTIES IN EASTERN CAROLINA; PROPERTY LOSS IS CONSIDERABLE; A TOWN IS THREATENED

(By the Eastern Press)
Belhaven, N. C., Apr. 15.—The home of Ralph Howell at Teria Cles, near here, is in ashes, together with a number of barns and outhouses on Howell's farm, and a forest fire which consumed the buildings is raging unchecked.

St. James' church, near Pantego, has been destroyed.

Howell's place is in the midst of a colony started by well-to-do Northern planters a few years ago. One or two houses in the locality are valued at as much as \$40,000. It is not known if any others have been burned or if there has been loss of life. The damage on Howell's farm has not been learned.

Bayboro Threatened.
Washington, N. C., April 15.—The

CLEANER AND BRIGHTER KINSTON BEFORE LONG

Clean-Up Fortnight Begins Monday. Wards to Be Overhauled Separately—Street Cleaners Have Busy Two Weeks Ahead of Them—Suspension of Ordinance Against Littering Streets

Sanitary Inspector Conway is making preparations for Clean-up Fortnight in the city, beginning Monday. Mr. Conway will devote his time during the first half of next week to supervision of the cleaning-up in the First Ward. On Thursday bright and early, the street cleaning force will be mobilized to attack the garbage piles there, and will spend the three days ending Saturday evening in the ward.

While the street cleaners are busy in the First, the residents of the Second Ward will be occupied with cleaning up their premises, and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the second week the accumulations will be cleared away. During the first half of the second week the Third Ward residents will clean up, and in the last half of that week the street cleaners will be engaged in finishing up the work in the city.

Only on the days stipulated will the citizen be allowed to place trash on the streets. The law against this will be suspended for three days only

Washington, N. C., April 15.—Reports reaching here this afternoon say a mill of the John L. Roper Co. lumber plant at Roper, was destroyed or partially wrecked by fire today. The blaze is believed to have been caused by a forest fire. The entire Roper plant, one of the largest in the section, was in danger when the last report came.