

INFANTRY COLUMN MILE LONG EN ROUTE INTO MEXICO FROM COLUMBUS; THE ARMY TO POLICE NORTH'RN PART OF REPUBLIC

Redistribution of Forces Engaged in Hunt for Villa Will Allow Carranzistas to Go South to Combat Diaz and Zapata Revolutionists—Pershing Knows About Where Villa Is Now—Will Not Resume Actual Pursuit Until Communication Lines Are Strengthened, However—Funston Instructed to Redistribute Punitive Expedition Troops to Suit Himself—Short, Quick Dashes Into Wild Places for Bandits

(By E. T. CONKLE, United Press Staff Correspondent) El Paso, April 24.—Renewed activity by Canuto Reyes, whose bandits wrecked a train between Torreon and Jiminez, has caused redoubled efforts by the expeditionary forces to clear this territory. Officials are dubious, but hopeful upon receipt of reports of the death of Lopez and Baca, Villa lieutenants.

Villa's approximate location is known to Pershing, Columbus advises today said, but the pursuit is not to be resumed until the communication lines are reinforced. A mile-long column of infantry reinforcements is moving into Mexico from Columbus.

Redistribute Forces in Northern Mexico. Washington, April 24.—Redistribution of the American forces in Mexico as at present contemplated consists largely of concentrating troops in districts better suited for such purposes and from which dashes into arid, wild sections can be made without danger of stretching the communications line too far. Involved is the retirement slightly northward from the farthest southern sections penetrated. General Funston has been given authority to make the redistribution according to his own judgment. Such a plan would give the policing of northern Mexico over to the Americans, leaving the Carranzistas free to go southward against the Zapatistas, Diazistas, etc.

M'COMBS QUIT AS CHAIRMAN; ASSURES WILSON HE IS SAFE

National Democratic Leader Says Private Business Will Prevent Him Serving—Intends to Leave Off Politics Altogether

(By the United Press) Washington, April 24.—The retirement of William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, was made public today at the White House. Mr. McCombs explains that the formation of a new partnership requires all his time. He means to retire from active politics. He said to the President: "The Democratic organization is loyal to you and your policies and purposes. All feel assured of a triumphant result throughout the country in November."

DEATH OF J. J. BRYAN, WELL-KNOWN INSTITUTE TOWNSHIP MAN, SUNDAY

J. J. Bryan died at his home in Institute township Sunday morning about 2 o'clock. He was in his 80th year. He was prominent in his part of the county and was widely known in the section. Infirmities of old age caused his demise. The funeral was held late Sunday in Institute. J. J. M. Quinn and Mrs. J. B. Cummings of Kinston and several other children survive him. Mr. Bryan was in the prime of life a public-spirited citizen, active in business and politics, and was ever noted as an intelligent and well-disposed man.

You cannot enjoy summer if you haven't an automobile. The Free Press is giving two Maxwells away on the 15th of May.

GERMANS HAVE BEEN TORPEDOING SHIPS WITHOUT PERISCOPE

New Invention Does Away With Necessity of Using Sight Tube DEVICE IS INFALLIBLE Sound Drums Installed As U-Boats' Ears—Submarine Signal Makes Blind Monsters Just as Effective as Ever, Reported

(By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD, United Press Staff Correspondent) Berne, Switzerland, April 24.—German submarines have abandoned the use of periscopes in most incidences, and torpedoes are now fired according to sound, according to reliable Swiss reports. During the past twenty sinkings, no one has seen a sign of a submarine. The new periscopeless submarine described here has a great steel disc for an ear on each side. An officer at a receiver hears the approaching ship unmistakably, and when the noise sounds equally strong in both ears the officer knows the ship is dead ahead and orders a torpedo fired.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press) GERMAN PLANE OVER DOVER; CHASED AWAY. London, April 24.—A German aeroplane flew over Dover about noon. It was driven off before it could drop any bombs.

THREE MORE PRIZES ADDED TO THE LIST Most Money Turned In During next Ten Days Will Win Special Prize—Saturday a Great Day.

Saturday was a most wonderful day at the office of the Contest Manager of the Daily Free Press. All day long the office of the Contest Manager was besieged with the candidates and their friends who were anxious to take advantage of the vote offer that closes Saturday night. The closing of the first period was very important and proved to be the greatest day of the contest thus far. Saturday brought to light where the strength of the next three weeks may be expected to develop. Many of the contestants have been making claims to their friends and acquaintances, but on Saturday they failed, which shows that the real strength was not properly placed in their own minds. Many new contestants developed, which leaves the contest more in doubt than ever. Strength was produced where it was least expected, and several who have been holding the leading positions have dropped back to the lower positions from which they will have to extricate themselves by sheer force of energy. After all it was a great day, far greater than had been anticipated. A Close Race.

FIGHTING AT VERDUN CONFINED TO CANNON, SAYS FRENCH REPORT

(By the United Press) Paris, April 24.—Another violent bombardment occurred to the northwest of the Caurette Wood last night, but there were no important infantry actions on the Verdun front, the war office today reported. This is the Greatest Week of All. This week is the greatest from the contestants' standpoint. Besides the largest votes of the contest being in

CHARLES A. WATERS HURT IN ACCIDENT ON GRAINGER ROAD

Well Known Business Man Painfully Injured Late Sunday When Automobile Rolled Upon Him—Was Helping Another

Chas. A. Waters, the well-known Queen street merchant, was badly and possibly seriously hurt Sunday evening about 6 o'clock when, a short distance this side of Grainger, a touring car owned by O. M. Rutledge rolled upon him. Mr. Waters was severely bruised and sustained an injured neck, but probably no broken bones. It will be several days before the extent of his injuries can be determined.

Mr. Rutledge's car had in turning around backed off an embankment. Mr. Waters, passing in his car, stopped and suggested that with help he could push the car out. A party did push the car to the top of the embankment, and there it poised for a second and began to roll back again. Mr. Waters was directly behind the machine, and in attempting to get out of the way tripped and fell, the car rolling over him. The wheels did not pass over his body. The truss rod, it is supposed, rolled him severely over the rough ground. In the Rutledge car were Mr. Rutledge, another man, two ladies and several children. With Mr. Waters in his car were Mrs. Waters, a recent bride, and three other ladies. A party of autoists passing in a car were asked by Mr. Rutledge to bring the injured man to the city. There was no one present who could drive Mr. Waters' car, and the Rutledge machine was still over the bank. The passersby, unidentified, it is said, declined, stating that they were bound to Ayden. A lady in the Rutledge party appealed to a woman in the other car, stating that Mr. Waters was apparently dangerously hurt. The driver, however, refused to turn back and continued on his way. A car containing several negroes, headed for Greenville, approached. Mr. Rutledge asked the colored chauffeur if he could drive a car of the make of Mr. Waters'. The negro replied that he could, acting admirably in leaving his own party and bringing Mr. Waters to the city. After delivering the injured man here the colored man started out to walk back to his own car, four or five miles away. White persons, learning what he had done, overtook him and carried him in an automobile. Mr. Rutledge is sorry that he could not get the man's name.

CONGRESS HOPES NO LONGER TO ADJOURN BEFORE CONVENT'NS

Will Settle Down to Grind Out Record-Breaking Mass of Bills GRIST INCLUDES A LOT Ship Purchase, Naval Increase, Rural Credits and Philippines Will Come Up During Coming Weeks—Can't Quit Before June

(By the United Press) Washington, April 24.—Having given up practically all hope of adjournment before the June political conventions, the administration and congressional leaders are prepared to grind out one of the biggest legislative grists ever handled. It includes the navy bill, ship purchase, the Philippines bill, rural credits, etc.

TO AMEND BURNETT BILL TO SUIT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

(By the United Press) Washington, April 24.—Amendments to the Burnett immigration bill to meet Japanese objections will be introduced in a few days, it was learned today following a conference between Senators Stone and Smith and Secretary of State Lansing.

COLORED MAN FELLED BY BLOW FROM AXE BY ASSAILANT IN DARK

Robbery is believed to have been the motive of an unidentified person who assaulted Starr Hicks, a well-known colored man, at Hicks' home in South Kinston early Sunday, shortly after midnight. Hicks was knocked down with an axe. The police say he was struck in the back but not badly hurt. The attack occurred in a yard. The assailant, believed to have been colored, was secreted in a stable to which Hicks went to put up a horse. He is supposed to have known that Hicks had money on his person. After felling the victim with the axe the other fled, without securing anything so far as is known. Hicks is a storekeeper.

GERMANY WILLING TO GO A LONG WAY TO PREVENT BREAK WITH AMERICA, BUT THE DIPLOMATS HAVE PEOPLE TO DEAL WITH

(By CARL W. ACKERMAN, United Press Staff Correspondent) Washington, April 24.—Official information reaching Washington, according to high officials, indicates that Germany will go a long way to prevent a break with America, German officials, however, are said to be in a quandary how to put up any agreement that will be satisfactory to the United States in writing so that it will not anger the German populace. Officials here are hopeful that the German diplomats will "find a way between the devil and the deep sea." Gerard's Message Forwarded. Berlin, April 24.—Germany's answer on the submarine issue may reach Washington tonight, or early tomorrow. Following a Sunday conference with high officials, Ambassador Gerard has dispatched a long message said to contain an outline of Germany's stand. Cabinet Won't Meet Before Friday. (By ROBT. J. BENDER, United Press Staff Correspondent) Washington, April 24.—Big developments in the German-American situation are hardly expected before Friday. The President will not have an opportunity to discuss matters with the Cabinet until then. The President expects to vote in the New Jersey primaries tomorrow, which will cancel the regular Tuesday Cabinet session. Indications in official quarters are that the contents of the German note will be made known in a long cable message from Gerard.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN WOULD BUILD MODEL STATION AND AVOID TROUBLE JUNCTION

Now Demands Property It Claims to Rightfully Own for Distance Half Block North of Caswell Street, Along Its Right-of-Way Much Larger Lot Than That Selected at Independent and Gordon Streets, and More Conveniences Possible, R. R.'s Assert

John A. Gulon, Esq., of counsel for the Norfolk Southern Railroad, is here today to serve formal notice on a number of persons holding property claimed by the railroad, lying along its right-of-way between Caswell and Gordon streets, that they must turn it over. The Norfolk Southern asserts that it owns a hundred feet on either side and is prepared to enter suit if necessary to secure the ground. The Corporation Commission's final decision that the union depot must be put at Gordon and Independent streets is stated to be the reason for the railroad "disturbing" the property-holders. Affected by the demand are said to be the following: C. E. Spear and J. Stricklin, holding property on the east side of East street; also Mr. Stricklin's property on the West side of East; J. T. Skinner and Robt. Curtis, both of them holding property on the west side of East street; Mrs. Thos. S. Grady, Mrs. Kate Cobb, C. W. Hartfield and Mrs. Stroud, holding property on the west side of the railroad fronting on Caswell street. Every persons named owns a house on the property, it is understood; Mr. Skinner owns two, occupied by himself and Atwood Bizzell. The railroad will proceed to "recover" the ground as it did in the case of property on the south side of Caswell street, turned over to it by half a dozen or so individuals a few weeks ago. The railroad in the latter instance paid for the ground, and did not depend upon suit. Craven county fiddlers will hold a convention at New Bern on July 4.

HERE IS A LIST OF CONTESTANTS AND PARTIAL SCHEDULE 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... 16,200 Mrs. Susan Dunn, Kinston... 33,100 Miss Barbara Emery, Kinston... 21,700 Miss Mary Farmer, Kinston... 47,300 Miss Bessie Faulkner, Kinston... 6,600 Miss Sarah Faulkner, Kinston... 49,200 Mrs. Mamie Fitzgerald, Kinston... 41,100 Miss Addie Ford, Kinston... 5,400 Mrs. Coy Stroud, Kinston... 48,800 Miss Barb. Andrews, Kinston... 48,800 Mrs. Bettie Barfield, Kinston... 26,100 Miss Carrie L. Beasley, Kinston... 10,300 Mrs. Clara Becton, Kinston... 58,300 Mrs. Katie Bell, Kinston... 5,400 Mrs. Maggie Bissett, Kinston... 33,200 Miss Georgia Bizzell, Kinston... 11,700 Miss Nannie Blackwell, Kinston... 38,700 Miss Ada Bostic, Kinston... 27,600 Mrs. Henry Bradshaw, Kinston... 25,200 Mrs. M. L. Braswell, Kinston... 51,700 Miss Alma Broadhurst, Kinston... 33,100 Mrs. A. E. Broadway, Kinston... 5,400 Miss G. V. Broadway, Kinston... 17,100 Mrs. Laura Cummings, Kinston... 47,900 Mariamas LaRoque, Kinston... 6,900 Miss Carrie B. Cox, Kinston... 55,100 Mrs. F. L. Hooleer, Kinston... 48,100 J. Colby Abbott, Kinston... 40,700 Mrs. W. G. Morris, Kinston... 62,800 Miss Katie Brown... 38,800 Miss Susie Canady, Kinston... 38,800 Miss Lillie B. Cox... 24,100 Miss Stella-Buck, Kinston... 29,700 Elizabeth Copeland, Kinston... 19,100 Miss Dora Diamond, Kinston... 59,700 Miss Katie Gaylor, Kinston... 8,200 Marguerite Goodson, Kinston... 19,800 Miss Lena Grady, Kinston... 51,300 Miss Lois Grubbs, Kinston... 51,700 Miss Alice Hart, Kinston... 28,200 Mary Hartfield, Kinston... 38,100 Miss Prossie Heath, Kinston... 49,700 Miss Scotia Hobgood, Kinston... 17,100 Miss Della Hyatt, Kinston... 58,100 Miss Lida Isler, Kinston... 28,100 Miss Anna Patrick, Kinston... 40,800 Miss Terry Simmons, Kinston... 24,900 Miss Florence Moore, Kinston... 22,600 Miss Annie Nobles, Kinston... 48,800 Miss Daisy Outlaw, Kinston... 20,700 Miss Eoline Padrick, Kinston... 62,700 Miss Fannie Pollock, Kinston... 6,000 Miss Roberta Pridden, Kinston... 28,800 Miss Mary Pridgen, Kinston... 24,600 Miss Nannie Randolph, Kinston... 29,300 Miss Amanda Rhodes, Kinston... 22,000 Miss Lillian Rowe, Kinston... 15,500 Miss Lida Lee Rhodes, Kinston... 30,100 Miss Annie L. Scott, Kinston... 19,100 Miss Ruth Simpson, Kinston... 21,000 Miss Rosa Simpson, Kinston... 19,100 Miss Nannie Stanley, Kinston... 60,100 Miss Annie Stephenson, Kinston... 6,000 Miss Maria Sutton, Kinston... 66,400 Miss Anna Sutton, Kinston... 6,000 Mrs. Nora Taylor, Kinston... 7,300 Miss Myrtle Tucker, Kinston... 21,100 Miss Julia Tyndall, Kinston... 47,800 Miss Bettie Underhill, Kinston... 29,700 Miss Lona D. Weska, Kinston... 45,700 Miss Katie Whitehurst, Kinston... 39,100 Miss Camille Aldridge, Kinston... 27,100 Miss Evelyn Waters, Kinston... 61,700 Miss Ella Hasket, Kinston... 35,000 Herman Lawson, Kinston... 48,900 Mrs. Eva Cummings, Kinston... 47,700