

UNITED STATES WOULD LIKE ESTABLISH A PROTECTORATE OVER NORTHERN PART MEXICO, SCOTT MAY HINT IN CONFERENCE

Obregon Known to Be Opposed to Proposition, However—America Will Refuse to Withdraw Troops and Will Ask for Use of Railroads and Other Facilities—Both Nations Prepare for War Which Would Follow Unsatisfactory Ending of Meeting at Juarez—Carranza Sending More Troops North—De Facto Government Has 40,000 Men in Field Against Pershing's 16,000—Scott Mostly Will Dwell On Co-operation

(By E. T. CONKLE, United Press Staff Correspondent)

El Paso, April 29.—Refusal to withdraw the troops and a suggestion that use of the railroads and other facilities be granted the Americans, will be among Scott's proposals to Obregon today, the indications were this morning. The Administration even would welcome an invitation to establish a protectorate over Northern Mexico until the bandits are exterminated, leaving the Carranzistas free rein to clean up their foes in the south. Obregon is known to be opposed to the latter proposition.

Meanwhile the mobilizing of troops by both sides for a showdown continues. The Americans have approximately sixteen thousand men inside Mexico. The Carranzistas are garrisoning Chihuahua and Sonora States. They number about forty thousand.

Instructions to Scott From Washington.

Washington, April 29.—In the conference with General Obregon, General Scott is authorized to propose that the American troops move northward while the Mexicans pursue the Villistas in the south. He was instructed not to treat on the withdrawal proposal, but to tell Obregon that this matter must be taken through the usual diplomatic channels. Scott's orders deal with co-operation. He is instructed to emphasize the need for it, both for its effect here and in Mexico. He has been ordered to tell Obregon that America will brook no further border outrages. State Department advices today said Obregon has asked that the conference be held at Juarez, which was granted.

A THOUSAND CASES TRIED IN THE CITY COURT FISCAL YEAR

More Than Sixteen Thousand Dollars Collected In One Year

SOLICITOR PAID WELL

Has Had Something Over \$2,100 With Another Day to Run—Ministers and Women Approve Court, Says the Judge

The annual report of the Recorder's Court, to be made to City Council by Judge T. C. Wooten Monday night, will show that the county has received in service of convict labor a total of 750 months, valued at \$8 per month, a total of \$6,000.

The city has received during the year as costs paid in, \$5,604.04.

The school fund has received \$4,548.85.

The aggregate is \$16,152.89 so far. Appeals to Superior Court which might lose would bring the figures up some, possibly several hundred dollars.

About 1,000 cases have been disposed of. There has been one case in Judge Wooten's court during the 12 months for every dozen persons in Kinston.

The Recorder will recommend that the law be changed by the next Legislature to place the Solicitor on a salary. With a "reasonable" salary the city would be saved at least \$1,200, Judge Wooten says. Solicitor Shaw, according to figures in the report, has received more than \$2,100 so far, and may get a few \$10s more from cases appealed.

Other recommendations will be: "That a clerk be elected to the court to keep minutes, collect all money coming into the court," etc., and that a tax of 15 cents in each case be specified to pay the clerk and "save money to the city." That "the jurisdiction and territory of the court be extended, with a rural policeman in each township." In other words, that the court be made a county court. That the "Recorder's salary, according to the work, should be more than \$83 per month. His entire time is necessary for the court."

He has letters from ministers and ladies commending the court for its work during the twelve months ending Sunday night, Judge Wooten says, and planters have told him that the court has added materially the farmers in the matter of labor. It has discouraged vagrancy and driven many trifling persons out of the city to work on the plantations.

REPORT OF THE COTTON MARKET

A few less than half a hundred bales of cotton had been sold here today by 3 o'clock. Prices were 10-12 to 11-12.

Table with 2 columns: Month and Price. Rows for May, July, October, December, January.

do credit to any of the schools. Particularly creditable was the entire cooking exhibit, including many varieties of cakes, breads, meats, stuffed eggs, sandwiches, pickles and desserts. A feature of the fancy work particularly noticeable was the nice clean condition in which it was brought in, and those in charge of the exhibit stated that every piece was hung as it was delivered by the pupil, no laundry work being done in the school. The carpentry work was somewhat handicapped because of suitable material. Only rough lumber being available with the limited means; but in spite of that handicaps the exhibit showed progress that was creditable.

BIG BODY OF SINN FEIN MEN CUT OFF BY BRITISH TROOPS

The Rebels in Dublin Have Headquarters in Post-office Building

MANY BANDS SURRENDER

Government Forces Besiege Leaders in Public Edifice—Guns Trained But Officers Hope to Avert Damaging It

(By the United Press)

London, April 29.—A rebel force variously estimated at from 2,000 to 10,000 men is surrounded in the heart of Dublin by British troops. The government forces have laid siege to the general postoffice, in which the rebels have their headquarters.

Several nearby buildings have captured from Sinn Feiners.

Light artillery is trained on the postoffice, but the British officers hope to capture the building without further destruction. Press dispatches say many rebel bands have surrendered.

About Hundred Killed.

Dublin, April 29.—A hundred persons have been killed as the result of the street fighting since the outbreak last Monday. Although it is believed the military has the situation in hand, officials today admitted that it will be difficult to dislodge the rebels from the postoffice. The dead include civilians and children shot by Sinn Feiners, whose adherents make up the rebels. Looting has been rampant.

Do not let some other contestant discourage you. The origin and commencement of all failures spring from the lack of faith in your own ability.

Put a sharp edge on your campaign and win a car on the 13th of May.

GRADUATING CLASS COMPRISES NEARLY SCORE YOUNG FOLKS

Seniors of K. H. S. to Engage in Finals on Tuesday Night

PROF. KNIGHT SPEAKER

Member Trinity College Faculty—Exercises Monday Morning and Evening—Declamation Contest—Baccalaureate Sermon

Superintendent Caldwell of the City Schools today announced the commencement program for the commencement exercises next week. It follows:

Sunday, April 30: At 8 p. m., baccalaureate sermon by Rev. H. A. Humble in Queen Street Methodist church.

Monday, May 1: At 10 a. m., playground exercises of pupils of the Primary School and exhibit of handiwork of grades, at the Lewis building. At 8:15, senior class day exercises.

Tuesday: At 10 a. m., declamation contest for the Faulkner medal; contestants, Robert Collins, Mildred Hill, Julian McCullen, Mary Pridgen, Albert Scarborough and Bryce Wooten. The glee club will sing the following numbers prior to, during and following the rhetorical display: "Welcome, Sweet Spring," "Violet" and "Summer Fancies." Misses Addie Smith and Ida Ottlinger will render an instrumental duet. This program will be held in the Grainger building. At 8:15 p. m., graduating exercises: Annual address by Edgar W. Knight, Ph. D., Trinity College. Song, "Faith in the Future," by the glee club. Announcement of honors. Songs, "Lullaby" and "Mammy's Lullaby," by the glee club. Delivery of diplomas to members of the graduating class. "Night in June," by a double quartet. "Hail, Carolina!" by (Continued on Page Six)

GERMAN OFFICIALS EXPECTED FORWARD PERSONAL EXPRESSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP FOR AMERICA WITH REPLY OF EMPEROR

Note Should Be Here by Middle of Next Week—Official Washington Busy Conjecturing How Far Kaiser Has Gone Toward Meeting the President's Demands; Imperial Government Has Not Been Overzealous About Complying Heretofore—American Definition of 'Armed Merchantman' Published in Berlin; Causes Excitement—Germans Surprised and Shocked by Memorandum, Says United Press Correspondent

(By R. J. Bender)

Washington, April 29.—There is marked relaxation of the tension in Administration circles over the international situation, as the time draws nearer to the arrival of the German reply, expected about the middle of next week.

The reply is expected to be accompanied with personal expressions of friendship from German officials. There is much conjecture here as to how far the Kaiser has gone in meeting demands. Always heretofore it has been Germany's policy never to meet demands fully.

Germans Angry at American Definition 'Armed Merchantman.'

(By Carl W. Ackerman)

Berlin, April 29.—Publication of President Wilson's memorandum regarding armed merchantmen here caused a flurry of excitement. The average Berliner is angered at the definition that an armed merchantman is considered a peaceful ship until positively known differently.

SUPT. CALDWELL TO ELECTION WILL BE EMBARK IN PRIVATE HELD UNDER STRICT BUSINESS JUNE 1ST CONGRESSIONAL ACT

Efficient Superintendent of Kinston Schools Does Not Accept Re-election for Another Term—Splendid Progress Made

Superintendent Barron P. Caldwell of the Kinston schools has tendered his resignation to the Board of Trustees to take effect May 31, when the present year's work is wound up. Mr. Caldwell will engage in private business in the western part of the State. The Free Press is informed.

Superintendent Caldwell came to the Kinston schools two years ago as successor to Superintendent Underwood. The schools have made marked progress under his administration; the teaching standards have been elevated and the growth in the school enrollment has been most noteworthy. At the annual meeting of the trustees ten days ago he was unanimously chosen for the next year but asked to be given ten days in which to consider the matter, having under advisement a very flattering offer to enter private business. This was granted and the trustees have awaited his answer. His resignation was offered to the Board Thursday. No action has been taken by the Board, but a meeting will be held tonight to pass upon the matter.

According to Chairman Goodson the Board has no one under consideration. No intimation had been given that Mr. Caldwell was considering giving up the work and consequently no applications have been received. Mr. Goodson and other members of the Board express themselves most regretfully at having to part with the services of Mr. Caldwell, whom they recognize as a most capable school official. Chairman Goodson, in reply to an inquiry by The Free Press, said, in substance, we have taken no act and I don't know whom we shall select. We have a hard task to perform. (Mr. Caldwell's place will not be easily filled. The Board is loathe to give him up, but we can hardly blame him for taking advantage of the splendid opportunity before him to embark in private business.)

Corrupt Practices, Bill of Senator Owen Being Considered

PROGRAM IS OUTLINED

Congress Will Pass Owen Measure, Child Labor Bill, Conservation, Immigration, Ship Purchase in Order, It Is Thought

Washington, April 29.—So that the coming election may be held under the strictest corrupt practices act in the country's history, the Senate privileges and elections committee today began consideration of Senator Owen's bill.

Following a meeting of the steering committee it was learned that the following legislative program was probable: Passage of the corrupt practices act; passage of the child labor bill; action on conservation; immigration, ship purchase and other administration measures. In that order.

Disposal of rural credits will precede all the others. The corrupt practices act being considered probably will forbid sending of money from one State into another to influence congressional elections, and prevent any public official acting on a committee soliciting funds from industrial or commercial interests, and require fullest publicity of the collection and expenditure of funds.

WHEELER MARTIN IS DEAD AT WILLIAMSTON

(By the Eastern Press) Washington, N. C., April 29.—Wheeler Martin, 55, known throughout the State as a one-time Republican leader, died at his home in Williamston last night from paralysis. Subscribe to The Free Press.

VERDUN DRIVE WAS RESUMED BY CROWN PRINCE LAST NIGHT

Germans Attacked Heavily On Both Banks of the Meuse, Says Paris

LIQUID FIRE EMPLOYED

French In Outermost Positions Suffered Severely—Two Heavy Assaults By the Germans Repulsed, the War Office Declares

(By the United Press)

Paris, April 29.—The German Crown Prince resumed the Verdun drive last night, heavily attacking French positions on both banks of the Meuse. Two heavy attacks were repulsed, with the attackers losing heavily. Liquid fire was again used, the French advanced trenches suffering extremely.

TO ORGANIZE A GUN CLUB HERE; KINSTON MAY BE IN BIG SHOOT

Devotees of the trap-shooting sport, and shooters in general, will meet during the coming week for the purpose of organizing the "Kinston Gun Club," it is reported. It is hoped by the promoters that the club will be represented at the State shoot to be held in June at Tarboro. D. L. Dixon is acting secretary for the proposed organization, and all who are interested are invited to be on hand at the first session, at a time to be announced later.

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

MORE THAN A FIFTH MILLION PER DIEM INCREASE IN WAGES

Will Be Shared by 692,500 Workingmen Beginning May 1—Yearly Increase Will Be Almost \$64,500,000, U. P. Estimates

(By the United Press)

New York, April 29.—May Day will not usher in an unprecedented labor situation throughout the United States. A daily increase of \$204,616 will be granted laboring men beginning Monday.

Statistics gathered by the United Press show that 692,500 workers are affected. The yearly increase will be nearly sixty-four and one-half millions.

CREDITABLE EXHIBIT TOWER HILL SCHOOL

City School for Negroes Closed Yesterday—Mr. Cowper Made Address—Domestic Science and Manual Training Departments' Progress

Mr. G. V. Cowper, a member of the board of trustees of the Kinston City Schools, made the commencement address at the Tower Hill school Friday. Supt. Caldwell and others of the school officials, and friends were present to witness the exercises of the negro school, and they commend very highly the work done under the direction of Prof. J. H. Sampson and the teachers. The Tower Hill school has made marked progress and has kept step with the progress made by the white schools of the city.

A very interesting exhibit of the work of the pupils in the domestic science department was shown. Mats, fancy work, including embroideries, tatting, etc., cooking and carpentry samples were exhibited which would

\$30.00 IN GOLD WILL BE AWARDED MON MAY 1

THREE SPECIAL PRIZES AWARDED ON MAY FIRST \$15 in Gold, \$10 in Gold, \$5 in Gold.

In yesterday's struggle for the special prizes and the Bull's-Eye, the advantage was with the outside district. Mr. H. L. Pate, an Honor Roll candidate, jumped into first place by an unusual good report. Mr. Pate is a real contender for one of the special prizes, which will be given away on Monday. Miss Glenn Sugg of Snow Hill again places herself near the top of the target by winning second place. Mrs. W. G. Morris of the city who hit the bull's-eye in yesterday's issue of The Free Press has dropped back to third position. Miss Eoline Padrick also of Kinston, comes back to fourth place. Miss Delia Hyatt drops to fifth place and Mrs. Jay Smith to sixth. Three new names were placed on the target by the reports turned in yesterday, Miss Glennie Britt of Grange R. F. D. 2, Miss Sallie King of Comfort, and Miss Laura Robinson of Deep Run. The contestants who were crowded off from the target are Miss Fieta Marshburn of Dover, Miss Roberta Aldridge of LaGrange R. F. D. 5, and Miss Dorothy Taylor of LaGrange. But these contestants and many others are in very little ways behind those on the target and will no doubt have their names there on Monday.

The race for the special prizes is very close. One or two yearly subscriptions is the only difference in the standing of most every contestant on the target. The winners must be decided by the reports turned in

today and Monday. Saturday is generally a big day, and the standing on the target promises to be completely changed for Monday.

Hold Your Position This Week.

After this week there are only two more weeks of the contest. Naturally at this stage of the fight the interest centers around those that have their names near the top of the list. Much speculation is rife as to who will win. During the last few days there has been more changes in the positions of the contestants than at any other time in the contest. People whom it seemed didn't have a chance of winning have, by their untiring efforts, placed their names near the top of the list, and have displaced those who were bound to win.

Owing to the race being so even, the end of this week is going to be more important than was predicted. All of the leaders are forced to take the defensive to hold their positions. See that you maintain your position, and if possible try to get ahead. The last two weeks is the time of the real struggle when every contestant is doing his or her very best for the grand rush towards the goal. You must be prepared for that struggle if you expect to win. Today and Monday is the days to do it. Besides having the large vote schedule you also have the special prizes. Win one of the golden prizes and show your friends that you deserve their active support, that you need it, and intend to make the most of it.

Do It Now! Whatever you intend to do, do it now. This week you have the greatest offers of the entire contest. First you have the special prizes, all in (Continued on Page Three)