

TEXAS FIGHTING MAD OVER MURDEROUS RAID BY VILLISTAS UPON THE BIG BEND SECTION; TROOPS IN PURSUIT OF PARTY

Seventy-five Men Said to Have Been In Daredevil Invasion of American Soil—Eight Troopers On Patrol Gave Battle to Mexicans; Three of Number Slain—10-Year-Old Boy a Victim—Two Civilians Taken Prisoners—Conference Between Obregon and Scott Was Halted By Incident—Lansing Makes Representations to De Facto Government—Redistribution of the Carranza Troops Suggested by State Department

Washington, May 8.—The raid against the Big Bend district and the rumored Villista activities halted yesterday's Scott-Obregon general conference, General Scott today reported to the War Department. Secretary Baker received and approved General Funston's report on plans for rounding up the Big Bend raiders. Representations to Carranza.

Washington, May 8.—The State Department today made representations to Carranza, regarding the Big Bend raid. Secretary Lansing suggested that Carranza redistribute his troops to prevent recurrence. Story of Invasion and Slaughter.

Alpine, Texas, May 8.—Four cavalry troops are being rushed through desolate stretches of the Big Bend country in pursuit of 75 Villa bandits who raided Glenn Springs, Texas, killing three American soldiers and a ten-year-old boy and capturing three American citizens after a five-hour battle Saturday. The Big Bend country is in a white heat of rage.

The Mexicans attacked a patrol of eight soldiers, who retreated after losing three men. The invaders penetrated American territory for a distance of 15 miles.

REPUBLICANS HAVE ACTION ON BRAND'S HUGHES BOOM AS A POSTPONED IN SPOTE BUGABOO, IT IS SAID OF WILSON LETTER

Having Started It, They'd Be Rid of It—Trying to Thwart Roosevelt—Root Real Favorite of Justice's Alleged Backers

Washington, May 8.—Indications are piling up that certain old guard Republicans have a full-pledged Hughes boom that they would like to be rid of.

Practically all have ceased the friendly emphasis they recently were placing on Hughes' candidacy, and now are talking confidently of Root. Most politicians admit a Hughes boom has been started, to offset the Roosevelt talk, and this being accomplished, they now want to turn to Root.

Great Britain will be dealt with, when necessary, without any reference whatever to any negotiations with Germany. The note, it is said, will eliminate the possibility of a break with Germany for any past act. Future relations, however, it will be plainly pointed out, will depend wholly and solely on Germany's adherence to her last pledges.

President Declared to Culberson That Selfish Interests Which Had Been Thwarted by the Bostonian Opposed His Appointment

(By the United Press) Washington, May 8.—Action was today again indefinitely postponed regarding the Brandeis appointment. Following receipt of a letter from the President to Senator Culberson, of the Judiciary Committee, urging immediate action, and sounding the highest praise of Brandeis, the man, lawyer, economist and public welfare worker.

EAST CAROLINA SEMI-PROF. LEAGUE DIES A SAD SORT OF A DEATH

(Special to The Free Press) Greenville, May 8.—The proposed East Carolina baseball league had its annual funeral here. Only two fans attended a meeting to organize the local club. Ayden is another town to give up the idea.

DAUGHTRIDGE HAS A CHAMPION IN CHINA

Rocky Mount, May 7.—A wish of success for him in his campaign for the nomination for Governor has just been received from Tsingtau, China, by Lieutenant Governor E. L. Daughtrige. The letter is from C. G. Smith, formerly of Goldsboro.

ARMY LIEUTENANTS KILLED IN ACCIDENTS

Lawton, Okla., May 7.—Lieut. H. S. Naylor and Lieut. Edwin E. Pritchett, of the Fifth Field Artillery, were killed, and J. E. McMahon, Jr., of the Second Field Artillery, and Lieutenant Richard S. Scott, of the Fourth Field Artillery, were seriously injured in an automobile accident at Fort Sill today.

GERM'N NEWSPAPERS REFER TO PRESID'NT AS PEACE MEDIATOR

May Prove Acceptable At Conclusion of War In Europe, Say

SATISFACTION IN BERLIN

Over Probability That the Submarine Reply Will Be Accepted—Direct Word From Washington Had In German Capital

(By the United Press) Berlin, May 8.—Direct word from Washington that President Wilson will accept Germany's submarine concessions caused the greatest satisfaction here, and discussion by newspapers of the possibility that Wilson may prove acceptable as peace mediator when the time comes to end the world war followed.

(United Press Staff Correspondent) Washington, May 8.—President Wilson will accept Germany's reply late today in a formal note, which probably is no new route to Berlin. Secretary Lansing and Mr. Wilson wrote it yesterday.

It may be stated on highest authority that Wilson accepts that part of the German reply covering new orders to submarine commanders and rejecting everything else. He will indicate plainly that this government considers itself in absolutely no way bound by any conditions that Germany made in her reply.

The President is known to take the position that the United States is dealing with Germany alone, apart from any negotiations with Great Britain, and that?

COMPLETE PLANS FOR STATE ROADS MEETING

Five Thousand Persons Expected to Attend Big Convention at Wrightsville Beach on June 21, 22 and 23. Governor to Make Address—Other States to Send Men to Observe

Wilmington, N. C., May 8.—Plans were practically completed today for entertaining of the 5,000 delegates and visitors expected to attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Good Roads Association which is to be held at Wrightsville Beach, N. C., June 21, 22 and 23. H. B. Branch, who is heading the work of arranging a program, announced today he expects representatives of many Southern States interested in good roads movements in their respective communities will be present to get what tips they can from the North Carolina Association's work.

Work is nearing completion today on the large auditorium being constructed at Wrightsville Beach for the convention meetings. The contractors said today they will have the great structure ready for the meetings.

Delegates are expected to center attention on three proposed roadway projects—the Wilmington-Charlotte-Fayetteville Highway, the Wilmington-Asheville Highway, and the Wilmington-Goldsboro Highway. An important feature of the convention will be practical demonstrations in road building and maintenance. Gov. Locke Craig has promised to address the meeting.

FAMOUS RIGGS BANK ASKE COMES UP TODAY

Washington, May 8.—With the leading legal lights of New York and Washington as advocates and bankers throughout the country as audience, the famous Riggs bank case came to trial here today. The three men are charged with testifying falsely that the Riggs Bank did not engage in stock transactions.

GERMANS COMMENCE FOURTH OFFENSIVE IN VERDUN CAMP'GN

Fighting of Utmost Violence Sunday—Trying to Surround Hill 304—Lost Heavily in Frontal Attacks French Positions

(By HENRY WOOD) Paris, May 8.—French troops have recaptured a large part of the ground lost on both banks of the Meuse. Successful counter attacks today drove the Germans from Hill 304 trenches. Many prisoners were taken. Two German aeroplanes were shot down.

Paris, May 8.—French military critics today declared furious German attacks on yesterday to be a prelude to a fourth great German offensive against Verdun. The fighting on the west Meuse bank, northwest of Verdun attained the utmost violence. The Germans apparently are threatening to surround Hill 304. The German losses were appalling in the frontal attacks.

Do you know that while you are idle some other contestant will get that subscription which was partly promised to you.

ONLY CITY IN THE WORLD TO HAVE TWO CHIEFS OF POLICE

Aldermen From the Third Ward Swap Jobs When Appointments Made

HEATH AND SKINNER MEN

Dr. F. S. Whitaker Succeeds Dr. Geo. Kornegay as City Physician—Council Passes On Seven More Blocks Paving

ONLY CLAY IN THE

Kinston is the only town in the world with two police chiefs. They are J. Felix Skinner and J. Carson Heath, of equal rank, authority and salary. The only difference is that Skinner will be no more than an arresting officer; in the daytime the reverse will be the case. "A chief of police asleep is a dead man. Why should not Kinston have two of 'em?" That was the idea that

CLINGMAN W. MITCHELL, OPPONENT OF REP. CLAUDE KITCHIN FOR NOMINATION FOR CONGRESS, TO MAKE ADDRESS IN THE COURTHOUSE HERE THIS EVENING



Hon. Clingman W. Mitchell, who is contesting the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Second District with Hon. Claude Kitchin, will speak at the courthouse in this city tonight at 8 o'clock. His picture appears above.

Mr. Mitchell was born in Bertie County August 6, 1860; was educated at Wake Forest College, and has devoted his life to agricultural and industrial pursuits. He is not without legislative experience, having served as State legislator, member of both House and Senate for five terms. For many years he was Moderator of the West Chowan Baptist Association and is a member of the State Board of Agriculture, the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College and of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage.

He has always been an active supporter of all educational and moral movements having as their purpose the making of a better citizenship. He has extensive farming interests; is president of the Bertie Cotton Oil

AGED WOM'N BURN'D TO DEATH IN BLAZE THAT RAZED HOUSE

Mrs. Jesse Green Victim of Awful Accident at Grifton—Explosion of Gasoline Stove—Neighbors Witnessed the Cremation

Mrs. Jesse Green, about 75 years of age, was burned fatally when a gasoline stove exploded in her home at Grifton late Saturday. Just how the explosion occurred has not been told and may never be known. A leaking tank or broken tap may have been responsible. The fiery liquid spread over the floor and the kitchen immediately became a roaring furnace of flame. The aged woman was incinerated.

Mrs. Green was well known. She was the mother of J. E. Green of Winterville, Mrs. John Rhodes of New Bern and Mrs. Gertrude Bland of Ayden.

The residence, valued at between \$1,500 and \$2,000, was entirely consumed, together with the furnishings. Neighbors, it is said, witnessed the cremation of Mrs. Green, but were unable to do anything to aid her, so fierce was the fire which enveloped her and rapidly spread through the house.

The remains were taken to Martin county for the funeral and interment.

ONLY SIX MORE DAYS LEFT TO WIN A CAR

Perseverance and Personality Will Determine the Winners—If You Are Idle a Minute This Week You Are Lost

The beginning of the end is at hand. This is the last week of the Daily Free Press' great contest. This is the last week when the winners will have to be made, and every effort known to the contestants in the art of vote getting will be employed. The honors and the rewards are awaiting the winners for their efforts of the last six weeks. The first six weeks have failed to produce a winner or any leader who has been able to hold his own for any length of time. The last week must decide.

There are many who can win one of the prizes if they will do their duty this final week. In fact everyone will have to protect her position or go down in defeat for the lack of sufficient energy to stick in the race during the final excitement. There are a few at the top of the list who may be content to rest upon the laurels of their past efforts, confident in their own minds that they have enough votes in reserve to make them winners. But the day of reckoning is fast approaching and that day is the last day of this week, the 13th of May. These same candidates will be coming in a week from today to get their commissions checked.

From all appearances this is going to be an ideal week for the finish. Even if the weather happens to be a little disagreeable it is to every contestants advantage to do her best. You just have to get the subscriptions this week. There is no more delaying about it. You must get them to win. Many of the candidates have people in their minds upon whom they have never called. It is this week or never. If you don't get them this week their subscriptions will do you about as much good as the last straw did the camel.

The contest will close as has already been announced and explained. There will be no more extra vote of others other than the printed schedule in the paper, and the 100,000 extra votes on each \$10 worth of NEW business. The rules governing the close will be published in the next issue of the paper. The judges will be announced on Thursday. No more reserve counting. (Continued on Page Four)

FORT TAKES PLACE OF ROUSE AS COM'NR W. & L. DEPTM'T

Kinston Has That Distinction Today; Council Appears to be Original

MOST OFFICIALS RENAMED

Assistant Chief Moved Up to Rank With Chief—Same Salary, Authority and Uniforms—Office Desk Sergt. Created

Mayor Sutton Saturday night made public the following appointments of commissioners for the coming fiscal year:

- Mayor Pro Tem. and Finance Commissioner, Alderman W. B. Douglas, incumbent. Street Commissioner, Alderman E. V. Webb. Water and Light Commissioner, Alderman H. P. Fort. Sanitary Commissioner, R. B. Rouse. Police and Fire Commissioner, Alderman M. M. Happer. Cemetery Commissioner, Alderman L. P. Tapp.

All were reappointed except Fort and Rouse. These two swapped places. The place of Water and Light Commissioner which goes to Alderman Fort is one of the biggest jobs so far as hard work and technical knowledge required are concerned in the whole list. Both are from the same ward, the Third. The reason for the exchange is shown to the public.

Other officers chosen by Council, were Treasurer, Alderman M. M. Happer.

Superintendent Water and Light department, John E. Weyher. City Clerk, W. B. Coleman. Assistant to the City Clerk, Snow Nunn.

City Attorney, John G. Dawson. City Physician, Dr. F. S. Whitaker. Fire Chief, T. V. Moseley. Sanitary Inspector, T. A. Conway. All were reelected except Dr. Whitaker, who succeeded Dr. Geo. Kornegay, resigned.

Council Saturday night passed petitions asking for the following additional asphalt paving: Capitola avenue, one block West from Queen; Grainger avenue, one block West from Queen; Vernon avenue, one block East from Queen; Heritage street and Washington avenue to Rhodes avenue, seven blocks in all. A proposition from the Norfolk Southern Railroad that the city pave with brick around its property between McLewean and the Blout street crossing and submit the bill to the railroad was accepted.

T. P. A. CONVENTION CHARLOTTE NEXT YEAR

David L. Dixon of Kinston Delegate From State to National Convention—Good Roads a Topic at Meeting Held Last Week in Henderson—Highways a Hobby of the Growing Body

Mr. David L. Dixon has returned from Henderson, where he attended, as a delegate from Post V, the State convention of the Travelers' Protective Association. Mr. Dixon states that the meeting was largely attended, several hundred travelers and other members of the organization being present at some of the sessions. Good roads was one of the main topics at the convention. Dr. J. Hyde Pratt, State geologist, was a speaker on the subject. Highways is one of the hobbies of the organization, rapidly becoming one of the most influential bodies in the State in a number of ways. Mr. Dixon was named a delegate to the National convention. Charlotte was selected for the 1917 meeting place of the State T. P. A.