

PERSHING PREPARED FOR TROUBLE LAST NIGHT FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF SECRET ADVICES FROM DEPARTMENT COMMAND'R

Heavy Guard About Camp at Columbus—Communication Line Strengthened—Scott Has the Better Show in Conference With Obregon Today—American Troops On Border Now More In Number Than Carranza's—De Facto Government's Bluff May Be Called—Action of Carranza Responsible for Calling Out of Militia, Probably—First Chief May Have Intended Resisting American Policy, Officials Said to Believe

(By the United Press)

Columbus, N. M., May 10.—The American forces were hastily redistributed and points along the communication line strengthened today following receipt of important communications by Pershing from Funston. A heavy guard was thrown about the camp here last night. Outposts were moved further from the town. Every passerby was halted. A triple guard was thrown about the huge gasoline tanks containing a thousand gallons.

Scott Has Big End of Conference.

El Paso, May 10.—General Scott held the whip-hand today in the conferences with Obregon. For the first time the American forces available for border duty were numerically superior to the Mexican troops, and military officials believed Obregon's bluff had been called. American officials were confident some agreement would be reached at this afternoon's conference.

Carranza's Action Causes Anxiety in Washington.

Washington, May 10.—The Administration will take no chances on Carranza. This is believed to be the inner significance of the orders reinforcing the border patrol with additional regulars and militia.

Officials believe Carranza is acting in good faith, but they admit his attitude regarding the demand for withdrawal is bothersome in view of the practical agreement reached between Obregon and Scott.

They say the Mexican situation suddenly became more grave because of Carranza's wavering tactics. As for intervention, the Administration believes the latest steps toward eliminating its necessity. Some officials believe Obregon is laying the foundation for his own following to take charge in Mexico.

LYNCH IS OPPOSED BECAUSE OF MANNER AT LAST CONVENT'N WARREN AGAIN HEAD DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN NORTH CAROLINA

Weakening in Support of Wilson and Conservative Tendencies Bring Fight Against Him for Demo. National Chairman

(By the United Press) Washington, May 10.—War on Fredrick B. Lynch's candidacy for chairmanship of the National Democratic committee is under way. Mr. Lynch, chairman of the finance committee, is practically the only man repeatedly mentioned to succeed William F. McCombs.

The fight on Lynch is said to be punitive for his weakening in his support of Wilson at the Baltimore convention, and because he is said to belong to the conservative school.

LAST OF ENGLAND'S UNMARRIED TO RANKS

By WILBUR S. FORREST. London, May 10.—Beginning today, the last of Great Britain's single men, eligible for army service, began to get into khaki.

EUROPE EXPECTS CHINA TO BE SPLIT IN TWO

(By the United Press) London, May 10.—Declaration of its independence by the Chinese province of Kwangtung is regarded here as an almost certain forerunner of China's breakup into a northern and a southern nation.

New Bernian Re-elected on Tuesday Night Without a Fight—Campaign Managers of Candidates Reach an Agreement

(Special to The Free Press) Raleigh, May 10.—Democratic State Chairman Warren was re-elected by the executive committee last night. Secretary J. R. Colie was also selected to succeed himself.

The campaign managers of both gubernatorial candidates were in perfect harmony. A fight had been anticipated but fear of this disappeared when letters from both managers agreeing to leave the matter entirely up to the committee were read.

SAUNDERS TACKLES BAKER IN INITIAL ISSUE NEW PAPER

(Special to The Free Press) Elizabeth City, May 10.—Copies of the first issue of the new weekly of Editor Saunders, the famous publisher of the Down Homer and the Independent, who moved from this place to Washington recently, have reached here from the capital. Saunders, who while here was arrested and tried for libel scores of times, contents himself in the first number with attacking Secretary of War Baker. He is "learning the ropes," however, he declares, and will make things lively for everyone deserving it. Herbert Schroeder contributes a story of Saunders' life, giving him credit for being the brightest of his class.

MEMORIAL DAY WAS FITTINGLY KEPT BY KINSTONIANS TODAY

Pretty Exercises In Theater, at Cemetery and Elsewhere in City

LARRY MOORE SPEAKER

New Bern Man Paid Handsome Tribute to Soldiers of the South—Parade and Dinner for the Veterans This Afternoon

Confederate Memorial day was observed here today in the usual manner. An audience that well-filled the Grand theatre witnessed the exercises in the forenoon. The interior of the playhouse was handsomely decorated in the colors of the Confederacy, flags and flowers in profusion being arranged about the stage. The scene was an inspiring one, and the enthusiasm of those assembled was pronounced. The veterans on hand were fewer, perhaps, than in other years, but all the more attention was showered upon those who remained to be present.

Program Simple.

The program was a simple one. Rev. Geo. B. Hanrahan, pastor of Atkinson Memorial Presbyterian church, made the opening prayer. Mr. G. V. Cowper introduced the speaker, Mr. Larry I. Moore, of New Bern. Mrs. Dan. Quinerly sang Kipling's Recessional. A children's orchestra of 14 pieces, with the majority of the instrument violins, no performer over 13 years of age, directed by Prof. Jas. Mehegan, rendered the music. A chorus of little ones sang songs of the South. The audience applauded to the limit when the tots, dressed in white and carrying garlands of flowers, gave voice to Dixie. Little Miss Pauline Bodell and Gladys Mewborn played piano solos. Rev. J. H. Griffith, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church, was to have said the benediction, but he graciously turned that honor over to Elder Henry Cunningham, a veteran and fine old gentleman of Lenoir county.

Impressive Ceremony.

An impressive thing was the presentation of crosses of honor to a couple of old soldiers by Rev. Mr. Hanrahan, who took the place on the program of Mayor Sutton, the latter being absent from the city. Mr. Hanrahan spoke feelingly of his own recollection of a soldier—his father—and the pleasure it gave him to do such a service as he was then about. A pretty little miss from Winnie Davis chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, pinned the bronze badges on the coats of the proud recipients.

Moore Eulogizes the Confederate Soldier.

Orator Moore is one of the men in Eastern Carolina best acquainted with Southern history. His address was a tribute to the men who wore the gray and the cause they fought and died for, absolutely devoid of sectionalism and full of the glory of the people that would have exterminated itself for the honor it strove to defend. The hundreds of hearers applauded liberally every patriotic statement, touching allusion and fair-minded assertion of the typical Southerner of this generation who held no malice for the enemies of half a century ago of his country. Mr. Moore is a polished speaker, and has an enviable command of the language. The praise that he gave those whom he honored brought tears to some eyes. Parade and Exercises in Cemetery.

At 12 o'clock a parade about two blocks long was formed for the march to Maplewood cemetery, where a decoration service lasting a few minutes was held. In the procession were the local National Guard company, three wagons of the fire department filled with children, and automobiles containing veterans, Daughters of the Confederacy, speakers and others.

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CYMRIC WAS IMMUNE FROM ATTACK, SAYS U. S. CONSUL FROST

United States Not Likely to Protest; No American Lives Risked

NOT ARMED; NOT WARNED

Nor Was Ship In Government Service—Lansing's Policy Not to Interfere When U. S. Is Not Directly Interested, Said

(By the United Press)

London, May 10.—Consul Frost today wired confirmation of reports that the Cymric was attacked without warning. He also confirmed the report that there were no Americans aboard and that the ship was not armed. It was authoritatively stated that the Cymric was not in the Admiralty service and was therefore immune.

Washington, May 10.—Strong intimation is expressed that the United States will take no action in the case of the sinking of the Cymric. Lansing's position has been frequently defined as that in cases where American lives were not jeopardized, there have been no protests of submarine attacks. It is stated on highest official authority that "there has been no change yet" in this position.

Joe Willis, Washington's professional wrestler, cannot master the English language. He is a Finn.

Contest Closes Coming Saturday

Three days before the close—and as each hour passes and the end approaches, speculation increases as to who will win after all. The candidates are doing their level best to put their names at the head of the list for the closing count, their friends are asking all of their acquaintances for their help, and the general public is taking sides in the outcome.

Finish Is In Sight.

The finish on Saturday promises to be the most furious of any day yet since the mammoth undertaking was first announced. The entire territory covered by the Daily Free Press is being hastily but systematically re-canvassed these last few days with the result that hundreds of new subscriptions which have been earnestly sought during the contest are being secured for the final day. The resisting public cannot longer resist the temptation to take a chance and help their favorite candidate in the last final round. The result of this sudden enthusiasm is gratifying to the candidates who really want to win and who care badly enough to faithfully guard their positions this week.

Many are figuring over the vote list every night in an effort to decide in their mind who really has the best chance of winning the Maxwell touring cars. They are figuring by the aid of the vote list who is most likely to be the winners and friends have been known to place small bets on the outcome. However, this is all guess work, as no one knows the strength of any candidate but the candidate himself unless that candidate might be so indiscreet as to tell some candidate in confidence. So do not worry over the dope and the rumors handed out, but work your own campaign and work right up to the final hour.

Rules and Conditions of the Closing Day of Great Contest

- 1. The contest will close promptly at 9 o'clock in the evening, Saturday of this week, the 13th. The closing hour will not be extended for one minute after 9 o'clock under any circumstances.
- 2. No money will be accepted for votes unless accompanied by subscriptions to the Daily or Semi-Weekly Free Press, and of such length that conforms to the rules of the contest.
- 3. No personal checks will be accepted by the Contest Manager in payment for subscriptions on Saturday, the closing day. If you get any checks, have them made out to yourself and have them cashed.
- 4. Be sure that you have all of your reserve votes in the ballot box not later than 9 o'clock in the evening.
- 5. The last count of the votes will be made by the Contest Manager on Wednesday night and the result printed in the Free Press on Thursday. The ballot box will be immediately sealed and locked after this count, and the keys delivered to the chairman of the judicial committee.
- 6. The final count will be made by three disinterested business men of Kinston. The names of the judges will be printed in The Free Press on Wednesday or Thursday of this week. These judges will break the seal of the ballot box and begin the count as soon as possible after 9 o'clock on Saturday night. The judges will proceed to count all of the reserve votes that they find in the ballot box and will then add their total to the total count made by the contest manager as shown by the standing on the list printed on Thursday. The result of this count will be the basis on which they will award the prizes according to the rules of the contest.
- 7. If there is in your mind and mistake in the count of the contest manager as appearing in the paper on Thursday, you must notify the contest manager not later than 5 o'clock on Friday. Failure to notify the contest manager will be considered absolute legal acknowledgment that the final count is correct up to that time.
- 8. Do not trust to the mails the last day to bring in your reserve votes or any late subscriptions. Everything to count in this contest must be in the contest manager's office promptly at nine o'clock. Western (Continued on Page Three)

FIRE OF THE CROWN PRINCE'S GUNS NOW WEAKER, PARIS SAYS

Bombardment at Verdun Seems to Have Lost Its Force Again

GERMANS OUTNUMBERED

French Have Two Men to One in Sector Scene of Present Hard Fighting, Declares Report From Berlin This Afternoon

(By the United Press)

Paris, May 10.—Slackening of the terrific German bombardment at Verdun was noted in today's official communique.

Germans Claim to Be Outnumbered.

Berlin, May 10.—Over a million men are now engaged on both sides in a renewal of the heavy fighting around Verdun. It is semi-officially announced. The French alone have 800,000, and the Germans about half that many.

TWELVE CENTS FOR COTTON HERE TODAY

Four bales of cotton were sold here today by 3 o'clock. Three sold for 12 cents.

New York futures quotations were:

Table with 2 columns: Month and Price. May: 12.90, 12.82; July: 12.99, 12.96; October: 13.20, 13.15; December: 13.40, 13.31; January: 13.45, 13.37

Kaiser Formally Admits to United States That German Sub. Was Guilty of the Attack on Steamship Sussex

Imperial Government Makes Good Promise to Washington—Admission Now En Route to America, Ambassador Gerard Wires—Punishment of Submarine Commander, Full Disavowal and Reparation—Not Known What Will Be Done to Naval Officer Held to Blame—Amount of Indemnity Won't Be Taken Up Until the Claims of American Sufferers Are Made—Officials Believe Germany Is Showing Intention to Keep Faith

(By the United Press)

Washington, May 10.—Germany has made good on her first promise in her note accepting America's position in the submarine issue. Ambassador Gerard today cabled the State Department that the Kaiser has formally admitted that a German submarine attacked the channel packet Sussex.

Note On Way Over.

The formal admission to this government, Gerard said, is enroute to Washington. Full disavowal, ample reparation and punishment of the submarine commander will be given, it was stated at the German embassy when it was learned there that Gerard had received a German admission of guilt. The pledge in the German note makes it obvious, it was said, that there will be no hesitation by Germany on these points.

Punishment Officer Uncertain.

Embassy officials refused to forecast what the punishment of the commander would be, but it was explained that it would not be "too lenient," since German naval discipline for violation of instructions as important as those involved in submarine warfare is very strict. The question of the amount of indemnity awaits the interested Americans' claims.

CONFERRING ON THE UNION STATION SITE MITCHELL ADDRESSED THE LA GRANGE PEOPLE

Representatives of Norfolk Southern and Atlantic Coast Line Meet With Committee of Chamber of Commerce to Determine Finally Where Passenger Depot Shall Be Put

(Special to Free Press)

LaGrange, May 10.—Hon. Clingman Mitchell of Bertie county spoke in an open air meeting to the voters of this section last night in the interest of his candidacy for congressional honors. He emphasized the need of upholding the hands of President Wilson in this time of international crises such as the nation had not faced before in several generations. Teamwork is need as much as leadership, he declared. Mr. Wilson is the choice of the people of the nation and the leader of his party entrusted with the responsibility of interpreting and carrying out the policies of the party and as such leader he is entitled to the support of the representatives of the party. Not only that, but Mr. Mitchell, pointed out that it behooved every American citizen and member of Congress, regardless of his political affiliations, to support the President in handling the difficult and complex international problems that now confront the nation and which may involve the happiness and prosperity of the people of America. Such co-operation has not been accorded by Mr. Kitchin, Mr. Mitchell believes, and he attributes his candidacy not to any desire for political preferment but because of a protest at the attitude of the present representative was called for.

Those who heard Mr. Mitchell's address at Kinston as well as here said that in the essential points it was the same as the Kinston speech. However, they thought the address here was delivered with more confidence and spirit even than was the Kinston speech, which was the first of the campaign.

A large number heard Mr. Mitchell and numerous favorable comments were heard.

RACING MEET AYDEN ON FRIDAY, TWELFTH

(Special to The Free Press)

Ayden, May 10.—The second racing meet of the year here will be held Friday. Fast horses from throughout the section are entered.

GERMAN FLEET IN NORTH SEA

London, May 10.—A large German squadron, accompanied by submarines, has been sighted in the North Sea by Norwegian vessels, Copenhagen dispatches today said.

GERMANS HAVE LOST 700,000 KILLED.

London, May 10.—Over 700,000 Germans have been killed, and a million and seven hundred thousand wounded soldiers, according to German casualty lists. Prisoners or missing number 300,000.

Field Headquarters, near Nami-

quipa, May 9.—The U. S. army in Mexico is the most bountifully bewhiskered body of men on the North American continent. The expedition carries no shaving equipment. The boys have come to cherish and brag about their beards.