

CONFERENCES COME TO END RESULTLESS AND BAKER ORDERS SCOTT TO CAPITAL; AMERICANS PREPARE AGAINST ATTACKS

Contraction of Line in Mexico—Namiquipa May Be Most Advanced Position—Entrenchments Being Thrown Up—Columbus Surrounded by Defensive Works—Warlike Orders for Guidance of Civil Population—Militia Begins Arriving Today—Situation Up to Diplomatic Departments of Two Governments—Scott and Obregon Did Their Best, Says American Secretary of War—Border Patrol Regarded As Sufficient

(By the United Press) Washington, May 12.—Secretary Baker today telegraphed General Scott to return here and General Funston to return to San Antonio at their discretion as the result of the unsuccessful conclusion of the border conferences.

Baker's announcement was that the two generals, Scott and Obregon, had earnestly sought a basis for common action, but failing had left the matter up to their respective diplomatic departments.

Army men consider the border patrol as it now stands sufficient. Just now absolutely no plans are contemplated for increasing the militia forces there.

Warlike Preparations In Progress.

Columbus, N. M., May 12.—Withdrawal of the advanced American forces from San Antonio, Mexico, is in full swing. Motor truck companies are assisting in the movement. Though Colonia Dublan is mentioned as the outermost point of the proposed new line, many here believe the contraction will stop at Namiquipa and the Americans there will rush to completion of defensive works to meet possible attacks from hostile forces. Defensive preparations were completed here today when infantry put the finishing touches to a system of trenches surrounding the city, and an order for the conduct of civilians was issued by the military commanders. Two militia companies are expected to arrive today. The whole New Mexico State militia is expected Saturday or Sunday.

Situation Worst Yet.

Washington, May 12.—The border situation is more serious than at any time since the troops crossed the border. This state of affairs confronted the Administration today, by reason of the failure of the El Paso peace conferences. Serious cabinet consideration is being given the problem. The chief question is that of withdrawal, Carranza insisting that this be done before the other questions are considered and the United States insisting that it cannot withdraw the troops until the border raids have been suppressed.

Carranza Will Make Another Demand.

Washington, May 12.—The State Department will pass the situation up to Carranza now, the military conference having failed. Arredondo is expected shortly to renew Carranza's request, made a month ago, that the troops be withdrawn at once. The cabinet spent most of its session today discussing the Mexican situation. No reply to Carranza's request is contemplated until after Arredondo again presents it formally.

TELEGRAPH MEN IN CAPITAL MAY QUIT

Strike Threatened Because of Discharge of 11 Operators Because, Organization Head Alleges, They Were Suspected of Belonging to the Union—National President Is Backer

(By the United Press) Washington, May 12.—A strike of local telegraph operators that would seriously hamper communication with the Capital is threatened as a result of the discharge of 11 operators by the Western Union. President Guy Blakely of the local organization today charged that the men were dismissed because they "were suspected of belonging to a union."

REP. DYER PROPOSES REBUKE TO ENGLAND FOR THE EXECUTIONS

(By the United Press) Washington, May 12.—Representative Dyer of Missouri today introduced a resolution asking Congress formally to denounce the action of Great Britain in executing the leaders of the Irish rebellion.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

ALLIES MAY SEIZE GREEK RAILROADS.

Berlin, May 12.—The Allies have determined to use force if necessary for the use of Greek railways for the transportation of Serbian troops from Corfu to Salonika, according to an official statement published in Petrograd newspapers on May 5.

ARMS EMBARGO PERMANENT.

Laredo, Texas, May 12.—The government embargo on ammunition which became effective a month ago has been made permanent, reports today said.

SLUNG MUD CARELESSLY AND GOT SELF ARRESTED

(Special to The Free Press) Washington, N. C., May 12.—John Hollowell was the defendant in a "mud slinging" case here. Not allegorical mud but the real stuff was thrown by Hollowell into an automobile occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hooker. Hollowell was shovelling on a road. Hollowell declared he did not see the car. A jury exonerated him.

AUSTRIAN STEAMER TORPEDO'D WITHOUT WARNING BY ALLIES

Sank In Adriatic—Was Unarmed—U. S. Won't Protest—No Americans On Board—Attack Classed With Cymric Case

(By the United Press) Berlin, May 12.—The Austrian passenger liner Rubrovnik has been torpedoed. She was sunk without warning in the Adriatic, according to dispatches. The Rubrovnik was unarmed.

America Won't Bother Self About It.

Washington, May 12.—Unless American citizens were aboard the Rubrovnik this government will not protest the attack. This was the official view and it was said that even if it was proved the attack was illegal it probably would be placed alongside cases like those of the Yasaka Maru and Cymric, which were torpedoed without warning, but on which there were no Americans.

ABLE SPEAKERS AT BAR ASSOCIATION CONVENT'N

Even a Philadelphia Lawyer On the Program to Be Pulled Off at Wrightsville Beach Next Month—Harry Skinner of Greenville Is to Preside—Judge Bond Among the Speechmakers

(Special to The Free Press) Wilmington, N. C., May 12.—President Harry Skinner of Greenville will preside over the annual convention of the North Carolina Bar Association at Wrightsville Beach on June 27, 28 and 29. The following is the program for the occasion:

TWO KILLED IN WRECK ON SEABOARD AIR LINE

(Special to The Free Press) Raleigh, N. C., May 12.—Flagman W. C. Mingola of Henderson and Fireman Thomas, a negro, were killed, and Engineer Kit Stephenson of Raleigh, scalded about the head and face when Seaboard Air Line passenger train No. 7, southbound, was derailed at Manson, N. C., ten miles north of Henderson, at 9:30 last night.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS NEIGHBORING PLACES

Thirty-six gallons of whisky were seized by the New Bern police Thursday. A negro was arrested. Twelve and one-half cents straight was paid for 232 bales of cotton purchased by New Bern dealers. This promises to be a record-breaking soft crab year for the Morehead City and Beaufort catchers. The production is enormous so far.

IF WHAT INA SAID IS TRUE SHE IS A BRICK

There is a railroad coupling pin, two inches thick, at the police station which Ina Falk, colored, says her husband, Will Falk, broke over her head. Some inches of the pin are missing. She has a small abrasion on her head. The provocation is alleged to have been the sticking of Will with a hat pin.

CHAMBER COMMERCE TO ASK PASSENGER SHED AT QUEEN ST.

Would Have Two Stops In City When Union Station Is Completed—Ticket and Baggage Facilities Only at Depot, Though

The Chamber of Commerce directors Thursday night received favorably the report of the chamber's committee on the union passenger station for the Cummings site at "the Junction," continued the committee to handle the remainder of the business of the station except approval of the plans, and decided to ask for a shed for a stopping place at the site or in the neighborhood of the present Queen street station.

The shed would serve only to shelter the passengers who might desire to alight from or board trains in the vicinity and would not care to go the additional half dozen blocks to the union depot. A ticket office will not be requested, nor baggage facilities.

HIGH POINT BUILDING STREET CARS FOR N. Y.

High Point, May 11.—The Southern Car Company has just received an order from the New York Railway Company for 70 street railway cars to be used on the New York street railway line.

CHECK FOREST FIRE IN DISMAL SWAMP SECTION

Norfolk, Va., May 11.—Reports tonight from the fire swept district of the Dismal Swamp are to the effect that residents of the sections endangered have checked its progress, but great danger will continue until there is rain.

UNREGISTERED VOTERS SHOULD GET BUSY NOW

If men unregistered want to vote on June 3 they should hasten to put their names on the books. The registrars today called attention to the slow registration. Books will be open in the city on Saturday for the First precinct at the Courthouse, and for the Second precinct at the Eagle warehouse. The registrars will be at those places all day.

SOLDIERS FROM FORT CASWELL TO FRONTIER

(Special to The Free Press) Wilmington, May 12.—The 31st Co., Coast Artillery Corps, commanded by Capt. Francis Cooke, a North Carolinian, is en route from Fort Caswell to the border, together with ten other companies from the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

FIRE DESTROYS M'ADOO HOTEL AT GREENSBORO

Greensboro, May 11.—Fire this afternoon at 3:30 broke out in the McAdoo Hotel and three hours later the three-story brick building, covering a fourth of a block was smouldering. The loss is roughly estimated at from \$100,000 to \$150,000, only partially insured.

FRENCH REPEL TWO HEAVY ATTACKS ON VERDUN STRONGHOLD

The Germans Today Twice Vainly Assaulted Dead Man's Hill Positions—Italians Getting Best of Fighting, Says Rome

(By the United Press) Paris, May 12.—Two heavy German attacks against the Western slopes of Dead Man's hill were repulsed today, the war office said. Cannonading continued in the regions of Avoncourt, Douaumont and Vaux.

STAGE ALL SET FOR LAST ACT OF THE FREE PRESS CONTEST ON SATURDAY

Contest Manager's Final Count Appears in The Free Press Today—Ballot Box Is Locked and Sealed—Final Count to Determine Winners.

JUDGES

Mr. W. A. Allen, Bookkeeper at Farmers and Merchants Bank. Mr. Clarence Oettinger, Secretary Kinston Insurance & Realty Co. Mr. J. A. Bizzell, bookkeeper at the National Bank of Kinston.

The final count to be made by the contest manager appeared in last evening's issue of The Free Press. The list will stand as it was printed last night and today until the final count is made by the judges Saturday night. If you have any corrections to be made on the count as it appears today, be certain to do it before tomorrow noon, as after that it will be too late. If you have any votes that you have not got credit for, explain it to the contest manager and he will be glad to correct all errors.

KILLED WOMAN HE WAS INFATUATED WITH AND ENDED HIS OWN LIFE

Norfolk, Va., May 11.—S. B. Beatty, night train dispatcher for Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad at Norge, near Williamsburg, Va., this afternoon shot and killed Mrs. Vivian Frazier Marsden and then blew out his own brains. Beatty was infatuated with Mrs. Marsden.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS MEET NEXT YEAR IN BURLINGTON; ELECT

(Special to The Free Press) Goldsboro, N. C., May 12.—The North Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association yesterday elected F. E. Vogler of Winston-Salem president and J. R. Wood of Oxford secretary-treasurer and other officers, voted to meet in Burlington next year, and adjourned the annual convention here.

SAYS NO DECREASE IN COTTON ACREAGE SOUTH

The cotton stand in Eastern Carolina is not at all good, according to Farm Demonstrator O. F. McCrary. He takes issue, however, with agriculturalists who have been quoted as saying that the crop planted was far short. As much was planted as in 1915, he thinks. The acreage planted in the South is as great as that of 1914, McCrary says, he has been reliably informed.

WILL URGE ENTIRE COUNTY GET ABOARD GOOD ROADS WAGON

Chamber of Commerce Re-news Agitation for Bond Issue—Will Bring Persons From All Townships Together for Talkfest

Good roads and the expenditure of as much as \$300,000 or even more to secure them were discussed by directors of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday night. Overwhelming sentiment for improved highways was exhibited by the members present. Discussion lasted for some time. Dr. J. M. Parrott, the chamber's roads hooster, was one of those who pressed for quick action in the matter. The chamber, long favoring a better system of highways for Lenoir county, decided to get right down to work to get it.

A meeting will be held here sometime in June at which good roads will be the sole topic and to which every planter and businessman in the county will be invited. "Scouts" will be sent out to round them up, and they will be dined and entertained at the expense of the chamber. And every mother's son will hear nothing but good roads until he is willing, if not already so, to throw in his ballot for a reasonable bond issue.

JUDGE ALLEN THINKS THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT IS TOO BIG

(Special to The Free Press) Washington, N. C., May 12.—"The First judicial district as it stands today is exactly the same size and contains as many counties as it did over a hundred years ago. Other districts have been split up into two and three parts but absolutely no change has been made in this one," said Judge Oliver Allen in Superior Court here. The district is so large that it has two Federal courts in it, while one Superior Court judge has to care for all terms held in the Superior Courts, Judge Allen remarked.

NEGRO BOY SHOOTS, KILLS WRONG PERSON

(Special to The Free Press) Washington, N. C., May 12.—James Darden, 15, shooting at Ellis Marsh with a small rifle, missed his mark and killed Arthur Clark, 17. Darden is in jail. All the boys are colored.

FURNITURE DEALERS AT WINSTON-SALEM

Winston-Salem, May 12.—About a hundred members of the North Carolina Furniture Dealers Association are attending the semi-annual convention here.

THE DAY ON LOCAL COTTON EXCHANGE

Eight bales of cotton were sold here by 3 o'clock today, all bringing 12 cents. New York futures quotations were: May . . . . . 12.80 12.85 July . . . . . 12.95 12.99 October . . . . . 13.15 13.09 December . . . . . 13.31 13.24 January . . . . . 13.44 13.39

ASQUITH IN DUBLIN, ORDERS HOLD UP OF COURT-MARTIALS

Premier Investigating the Skeffington Case; Was Claimed Illegal

(By the United Press) London, May 12.—Premier Asquith, arriving in Dublin today to assume charge of the situation there admittedly growing more serious daily, immediately ordered postponement of further court-martials pending the outcome of his investigation. He expects specially further to investigate the execution of editor Skeffington.

SOY BEANS SHOULD BE GROWN IN LENOIR CO.

Ideal Fall Feed for Hogs, Says Farm Demonstration Agent—Is Easily Raised—Meat Cannot Be Produced Profitably On Corn at \$1 a Bushel. McCrary Advises Experimentation

"Every farmer in the county should raise his own meat and have some to sell," declares O. F. McCrary, county farm demonstrator, in a circular issued today. "Every farmer in the county knows that to do this with corn that is worth \$1 a bushel and without pasture means little or no profit. Every farmer knows also that corn alone is a poor feed.

"Too many hogs have been raised at a loss to the farmer. For this reason some farmers are found who raise no hogs at all. He is a wise farmer who stops the leak when he finds it.

"The soy bean crop, if rightly used, will help you solve the hog problem and turn losses into profits. If you haven't tried this crop for a fall pasture, plant an acre or two now. It is not too late. Plant in 31-2 feet rows with 500 pounds of acid or 300 pounds of 8-2-2 and it will do well. Plant not over 11-2 inches deep and cultivate twice as you would corn. Turn your hogs in on them when the seed are well-formed in the pod."