

CARRANZA MOVING GREAT ARMY NORTH FROM NUMBER POINTS; CAPITAL SHOWS CONCERN; ARTILLERY IN FORCE, REPORT

Twenty Thousand Men More Than Needed in March Toward American Troops—Does Mexican Government Intend to Attempt Force Withdrawal of Expedition, and Did Obregon Play United States False?—Conditions in Southern Republic Far Worse Than Ever Before—Starvation Faces People—De Facto Government's Money No Good—Railroad Strike Serious Handicap—Consuls Pen Picture in Plain Lines for State Department

(By the United Press)

Washington, May 23.—Thirty thousand Carranzistas, twenty thousand more than Obregon promised to distribute, are moving northward from Saltillo, Durango and elsewhere, according to State Department messages.

Obviously they will assist the Americans in patrolling the Big Bend and Parral districts. Officials strongly intimated today that the number was far more than was necessary for the task. Another disquieting feature was the presence of considerable artillery in General Treviño's command.

Awful Conditions in Mexico.

(By Carl Groat, U. P. Correspondent)

Washington, May 23.—The great underlying elements of the Nation's life, money, industry and food, are in such deplorable conditions in Mexico that the Administration faces the gravest problem since the American soldiers entered.

Reports from the most level-headed of the consular staff today gave the Administration a distinct shock. They pictured starvation, shaky Carranza fiat money and a railroad strike, affecting a large portion of the railways. The cabinet considered the reports today.

ROOSEVELT GETS AN OVATION IN WASH'N COURT HOUSE TODAY

Enters Before Opening—Gives Glover Sky-High Character—Best Man in Washington From Standpoint of Integrity, Says

(By United Press)

Washington, May 23.—Apparently thoroughly enjoying the whole proceedings, Theodore Roosevelt, teeth flashing, today testified as a character witness for President Glover of the Riggs National Bank, charged with perjury with two other officials.

The Colonel entered the court before the session opened, with his daughter, Mrs. Longworth, and got a big ovation and cheers. He said Glover was "absolutely the highest man in Washington from the standpoint of integrity and general knowledge." He was not cross-examined.

NOTHING DOING ON COTTON EXCHANGE

No cotton was sold here today. New York futures quotations were: Open Close January 13.21 13.09 March 13.36 13.22 May 12.92 12.84 July 13.10 12.91 October 13.06 12.89 December 13.18 13.04

LITTLE GIRL SAVES ANOTHER FROM RIVER

(Special to The Free Press) Washington, N. C., May 23.—Pearl O'Neal, 12, rescued Marie Mahoney, another young girl, from Pamlico river here. The latter, member of a theatrical company, fell off a dock. Pearl O'Neal seized her by the hair when she came up and cried out for help. Men took the scared but unhurt Marie from the water.

START DRAINING BIG LAKE IN HYDE COUNTY FIRST OF NEXT WEEK

Swan Quarter, N. C., May 23.—Next Monday morning the mammoth pumps at Lake Mattamuskeet will be put to work draining the lake for the reclamation of more than 50,000 acres of land.

The pumps, among the largest in the world, will throw out the water at the rate of 18,000,000 cubic feet a second. It will take three weeks to complete the task, it is estimated. The reclaimed land will be worth \$5,000,000 or more.

MORE TRAINS OVER SOUTHERN; SLEEPER THROUGH THIS CITY

Southern Railway trains Nos. 108 and 131, running between Greensboro and Raleigh, are to be continued to Goldsboro from the latter city after May 28, said a report today. Another sleeper is to be operated all the way to Goldsboro and on to Morehead City over the Norfolk Southern.

NAVAL MILITIA TO CRUISE ON BIG SHIP

(Special to The Free Press) Washington, D. C., May 23.—The North Carolina Naval Reserve will take their ten-day summer cruise on the battleship Louisiana, with the Atlantic reserve fleet. The cruise will begin on July 15.

FIFTEEN YEARS FOR ASSAULTING A GIRL

(By the United Press) Durham, N. C., May 23.—Tom Salls, 28 years of age, following a confession that he assaulted fifteen-year-old Daisy Webster, daughter of a Patterson farmer, was sentenced to fifteen years in the State penitentiary in Superior Court today.

Washington, May 23.—The House passed the Porto Rican bill, providing for a larger measure of self-government, after striking out the woman suffrage provision.

PRESSURE ON CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO MAKE A MOVE FOR PEACE

President Preparing His Speech to Be Made in New York Saturday

FACES DIFFICULT TASK

Might Have Talked Very Freely Had Not Briand Made His Discouraging Statement Monday, Say Wilson's Intimates

By CARL W. ACKERMAN, (United Press Staff Correspondent) Berlin, May 23.—Either Wilson or Taft would be acceptable to German socialists as a peace-maker, Phillip Schiedemann, the German Socialist leader, today told the United Press. He said the appointment of a new "food dictator" destroys the Allied hope of victory through a blockade, and will make England sue for peace.

By R. J. BENDER, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, May 23.—The President is at work on the speech he will deliver Saturday before the League to Enforce Peace in New York. He is facing a most difficult task, according to those in touch with him.

Many appeals have been made to him to make an offer of mediation. Even some men high in the President's circle believe the time is ripe for him to openly voice the belief he apparently feels, namely, that none of the belligerents can hope to crush the others and that for humanity's sake peace should be declared.

If it had not been for French Premier Briand's declaration yesterday that peace only can come with a decisive Allied victory, it is believed the President would have talked very freely Saturday.

BULLETINS

TORNADO WRECKS TOWNS.

Mobile, Ala., May 22.—Eleven were hurt when the towns of Earlville, Ala., and Agricola, Miss., were almost wrecked by a tornado sweeping that section yesterday and early today. Reports said many buildings were literally blown away.

ASQUITH WANTS NEW CREDIT.

London, May 23.—Premier Asquith moved for a credit of three hundred million pounds in the House of Commons this afternoon.

GERMANS TAKE BLOCKHOUSE.

Berlin, May 23.—The Germans have captured a French blockhouse south of Camard Forest, northwest of Verdun, in violent fighting, the war office today reported. Also a furious battle is raging about the Fort Douaumont ruins.

PRESIDENT COMPLETES PROTEST TO BRITAIN

Washington, May 23.—President Wilson today completed the formal protest against Great Britain's mail seizures. It was sent to Secretary Lansing for his signature shortly afternoon. It is expected to be put on the wires immediately.

TURKS FALLING BACK BEFORE THE RUSSIANS

London, May 23.—The Turks have begun to fall back on Bagdad because of the Russian advance. It is believed the Turkish rear guard will have difficulty in escaping capture during the retreat, because of the difficulty of troop movements.

EPISCOPAL COUNCIL VOTES DOWN REPORT ON NEGRO BISHOPS

Colored Clergymen Protest Against Separation of Races in Debate

THE TIME NOT YET RIPE

But Church Should Keep Divorcement in Mind, Says Substitute Resolution Adopted—Sharp Tilt Likely Today

Divorcement of the races in the Episcopal Church was a leading topic before the East Carolina Diocesan Council in St. Mary's church this morning. At the instance—it is said—of the General Convention, desiring to learn the sentiment of the local diocese in the matter, a committee was appointed and today a favorable report was made by the committee. Colored clergymen participated in the debate that followed. They unanimously opposed the move. They could see no benefit to accrue, they protested; certainly none to their race. The report was voted down.

It was proposed to establish separate missionary districts for the negroes, each with its colored bishop.

A substitute resolution introduced by Mr. G. V. Cowper of Kinston, stating that it should be the future policy of the church to favor separation of the races, but that the time was not ripe, was adopted.

Abolition of the office of archdeacon was proposed by Rev. Mr. Ashby of Elizabeth City. A committee was appointed, and a report is expected this afternoon. A lively tilt is predicted.

The Council of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, in annual convention in St. Mary's church here, Monday afternoon heard an address by Prof. Chas. H. Herty of the University of North Carolina on the subject of the church pension fund. The movement for the fund has been very successfully conducted so far, with the prospect of increasing it largely in future.

The Council named the following deputies and alternates to the General Convention, in order: Clergymen: Rev. R. B. Drane of Edenton, Rev. W. H. Milton of Wilmington, Rev. J. H. Griffith of Kinston and Rev. W. E. Cox of Wilmington, deputies, and Rev. C. A. Ashby of Elizabeth City, Rev. B. F. Huske of New Bern, Rev. T. P. Noy of Wilmington and Rev. J. S. Moody of Fayetteville, alternates. Laymen, W. G. Lamb of Williamston, B. R. Huske of Fayetteville, G. C. Royall of Goldsboro and George B. Elliott of Wilmington, deputies, and R. W. Smith of Hertford, E. K. Bishop of New Bern, T. H. Patrick, Jr., of Clinton and R. R. Cotten of Greenville, alternates.

A telegram of greeting and affectionate good wishes was sent the Rev. Nathaniel Harding, the beloved veteran, who is rector of St. Peter's Washington, who was unable because of affliction to attend the Council's meeting here.

Rev. Dr. H. L. Burleson of New York, editorial secretary of the Church Missions House, addressed the Council on the subject of missions. At night a service was held by Bishop T. C. Darst, who is presiding over the convention, and Rev. C. C. Kelsey of Belhaven. Rev. W. E. Cox of Wilmington, secretary, made the report of the Missionary Executive Committee. He stated that good gains had been made in the diocese, although only one new church—at Nag's Head—had been built.

Archdeacon T. P. Noy of Wilmington made a remarkable report on his (Continued on Page Three)

FEDERAT'D WOMEN'S CLUBS OPEN GREAT CONVENTION TODAY

California and Ohio Have Candidates for the Presidency

RAREST KIND OF FIGHT

Already Started by Followers of Mrs. Sneath of Tiffin, and Mrs. Cowles of Los Angeles—20,000 In Attendance

(By the United Press.)

New York, May 23.—A pitched battle between the Far West and the Middle West, for the presidency of the Federated Women Clubs of America, was under way in the mammoth Seventh Regiment armory here today even before President Mrs. Percy V. Pennypacker of Texas whacked the gavel that brought more or less silence to the ranks of the 20,000 clubwomen gathered from throughout the country for the Federation's biennial national convention.

Even at this early date the contest has simmered down to two candidates who would succeed Mrs. Pennypacker. They are Mrs. Samuel B. Sneath of Tiffin, Ohio, now first vice-president, and Mrs. Joseph Evans Cowles of Los Angeles, Cal.

Both Mrs. Cowles and Mrs. Sneath have mobilized their campaign forces with the schewdness of a Tammany politician; and both the floor and galleries of the convention at its opening hour were the scenes of as frenzied electioneering, jockeying for position, trading between delegations and the like as ever characterized a buzzfest of the Grand Old Party or apostle of the sign of the Donkey.

This election will be one of the most important pieces of business and there is no subject being discussed more earnestly than the relative qualifications of the two women for the position.

Big Armory Turned Over to the Convention.

New York, May 23.—No woman ever was permitted to more than step in, peek around and hurry out of the mammoth Seventh Regiment armory in this city until 20,000 of them from all over the United States trooped gayly in and took possession of it this morning for the biennial national convention of the Federated Women's Clubs of America. And they certainly shooed away that bleak, somber barrenness that pervades bachelor, club and business quarters where women never go.

From today to the second day of June, the armory is given up to the biennial, which means that the colonel's room this morning is in the possession of Mrs. Pennypacker, national president, and that the mess-room is not nearly large enough for the luncheon which will be served at noon every day, but had to have joined with it the band-room and the library.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS OTHER EAST CAROLINA CITIES AND COUNTIES

Work on good roads to cost \$50,000 is to be started in Washington township, Beaufort county, in a day or two.

The senior class at the East Carolina Teachers' Training school won the Athletic Club's loving cup for general athletics.

William Brady, a negro, pulled the belle on an Atlantic Coast Line passenger train in Onslow county; the train was stopped so suddenly by the startled engineer that the passengers were badly shaken up, and Brady, intoxicated, was arrested by the conductor and turned over to the New Bern police.

FRENCH DRIVE GERMANS OUT OF NEARLY EVERY POSITION AT VERDUN; IN BATTLE OF FIERCEST KIND SWEEP THEM OFF FEET

People Already Wild With Excitement and Enthusiasm Get Another Surprise With News Today of Duplication of Great Victory—Teutons Now Hold Only One Fort—Fought All Night Hand-to-Hand—Kaiser's Troops Fell Back Steadily Before Success-Maddened Defenders—Tricolor of the Republic Waves Everywhere—Nation Celebrates Greatest Gain Since the Marne—Douaumont's Fall Incited Great Offensive

(By the United Press)

Paris, May 23.—The French tricolor floated everywhere today, celebrating the most striking French victory since the great Verdun battle began. Already worked into a frenzy of excitement and enthusiasm over the victory on that portion of the front around Fort Douaumont, the second reason for the people's celebration came today when the war office announced that in an all-night battle of great ferocity the French drove the Germans from all but the northeastern corner fort.

The fiercest and bloodiest of hand-to-hand fighting characterized the great French victory.

FORMER KINSTONIAN CLAIMS FRAME-UP VS. HIM FOR ASSEMBLY

(Special to The Free Press) Goldsboro, May 23.—Politics in Wayne is literally red hot, with the State senatorial fight the center of interest.

The aspirants for the Senate are Matt H. Allen, representative in the last assembly; H. B. Parker, attorney and secretary of the Democratic Executive Committee; J. W. Thompson, chairman of the board of trustees of the State Hospital for the Colored Insane, and Sam. J. Roberts of Mount Olive, who claims to be the farmer candidate.

BLACK WHO WENT IN WATER TO SAVE HAT FOR CHILD DROWNED

New Bern, May 23.—An attempt to recover the hat of Mary Faulkner, a little white girl, after it had blown into Neuse river, cost Richmond Rhodes, colored, his life. Rhodes—an expert swimmer—was overboard from work when he went overboard. He was seized with a cramp and went under. It was 30 minutes before his body was recovered.

WILL URGE PUTTING THE AMERICAN NAVY NEXT TO ENGLAND'S

(By the United Press) Washington, May 22.—Demanding "all or nothing," the minority members of the House Naval Committee tomorrow will file a report urging authorization of sufficient warships and men to put the American navy in second place.

DEMOCRATIC BIG FOUR JERSEY NAMED TODAY

(By the United Press) Trenton, N. J., May 23.—Interest in the New Jersey presidential primary today centers about the selection of the Democratic Big Four to the St. Louis convention.

Although there is nothing definite about it, the places are expected to go to Governor Fielder, United States Senators Hughes and Martine and State Treasurer Grosscup. Congressman Scully is ambitious to be in the quartet also.

RICHMOND GETS SHORT NAME FOR CHAUFFEURS

Richmond, Va., May 23.—They've found a new name for jitney bus drivers in Richmond. They're calling 'em jitneers,' for short.

SANDERSON NOT TO BE TRIED TILL THE AUGUST TERM COURT

Slayer of Becton Gets Continuance—Negro Boy to Be Tried for Murder On Wednesday—Progress of Superior Court

The case of young David Lawson, colored, charged with killing another negro boy, was set for Wednesday afternoon in Superior Court today. The case against Bryant Sanderson, white, charged with killing Amos Becton, was continued to the August term.

No important cases were taken up this morning.

Many Cases Cleared Off Monday.

The following cases were disposed of Monday: J. E. Dupree, assault, nol pros. Lonnie Jones, obtaining a marriage license by false representation, judgment suspended and costs. Miller Faison, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, defendant insane, nol pros. Norfolk Southern Railroad, violation of law in unloading coal, nol pros. B. M. Wood, carrying a concealed weapon, dismissed. E. W. Mincher, gambling, nol pros. Wm. Isler, assault on a woman, \$20 and costs. Benjamin Faulkner, assault and battery, nol pros. Ernest Copper, bigamy, judgment suspended and costs and ordered to divorce first wife, alleged to have been untrue. Glen Gardner, seduction, nol pros.

First Degree Defendant Absent.

Margaret Partello, charged with murder in one of the three homicide cases up for trial, was not in court when her case was called. Her bond of \$1,500 was ordered by the court to be forfeited. She was stated to be in Norfolk, too ill to travel. Counsel for the woman say she will return if she is able.

BAPTISTS DECLARE FOR NATIONAL PROHIBITION

Asheville, May 23.—The Southern Baptist convention closed its 1916 session here today and tonight messengers from the various Southern Baptist churches in which are enrolled some 2,700,000 persons, were leaving for their homes. The convention, which set the high water mark of attendance with 2,125 registered messengers, was featured today by passage of resolutions asking a national prohibition law and urging that the District of Columbia be made prohibition territory.