

## The Word of Any Officer Who Took Part in Carrizal Fight is to Determine War-Peace Question

### SENATE COMMITTEE ELIMINATES THE HAY PAY RESOLUTION BUT SUBSTITUTES THAT MEN WITH TIES SHALL BE TURNED LOOSE

**Situation Looks No Less Serious Today—Rear Guard of Americans Who Fought at Carrizal Found, But They Probably Did Not Witness Start of Fight—If Commissioned Soldier is Alive to Tell Tale and Declares Mexicans Precipitated the Clash United States Will in All Probability Invade Mexico—Pershing Had Given Emphatic Instructions That There Was to Be No Combat**

(By Carl Groat)

Washington, June 24.—Senator Reed's attempt to push through a bill paying militiamen \$30 a month while on active border service caused hottest debate today. "Such favoritism is unequalled," shouted Gore. "It is a reflection on their patriotism. Shall we make them mercenaries?" Angrily Reed answered, "Those phrases come naturally from a phrase monger's lips. It becomes a seventy-five-hundred-dollar senator to sneer at these soldiers who will fight their country's battles."

#### No Pay But Discharges for Married Men, Probably.

Washington, June 24.—The Senate Committee eliminated the Hay resolution to pay \$50 monthly to dependents upon militiamen, substituting that married men and those with dependents be excused from service.

#### Find Survivors of Carrizal.

San Antonio, June 24.—General Pershing reported that one packer and fifteen enlisted men of troops C and K, which participated in the Carrizal fight, were this morning near Santa Maria. They had been detailed as a rearguard and to care for the horses. They had 25 horses.

#### No Hope for Carrizal Victims.

Washington, June 24.—All hope has practically vanished that more than a mere handful of the Americans escaped execution at Carrizal. Army officers today hoped that the wires would tell a different story by tomorrow, but it is feared that the supporting forces will only bring proof that nearly the whole gallant band, hemmed in, died fighting, without a chance.

#### Senate Will Pass Emergency Bill Today.

In the suddenly shifting feeling pessimism today prevailed. Officials feared that the evil day of war was only delayed. Before night the Senate is expected to pass the resolution the House passed yesterday, empowering the President to send the militia across the border. The army is rushing the preparations for war on the assumption that that will be the ultimate outcome. The first militia for the border probably will go today or tomorrow, these being the contingents of Disconsin, Kansas and Missouri. The remainder of the Guard is going as quickly as practicable.

#### Upon One Officer's Report Depends War or Peace.

(By R. J. Bender)

Washington, June 24.—The question of invasion of Mexico hangs on the first report of any commissioned officer who participated in the Carrizal fight, if any are alive. Boyd's forces were under explicit orders from Pershing to confine their operations exclusively to scouting. It was specifically ordered that they would engage in no fight unless actually attacked. If Gomez ordered Boyd to stop and the latter advanced regardless, there will be no declaration of war. If reports so far received that Boyd stopped at Gomez's command and the Mexicans started firing are confirmed by an officer the President's threat of "gravest consequences" will be made good immediately. Action will not be taken, however, on the word of any enlisted trooper. But there is no minimizing the seriousness of the situation. It is admitted that the likelihood of a break was never so great. Capt. Morley is expected to determine if the country will have war. He is reported to have escaped wounded.

#### No Authoritative News for Hours, Maybe.

Washington, June 24.—Following a conference with the President Secretary Baker today said: "We are obligated to await further word from General Pershing before determining our course. The only news except from Mexican sources is from stragglers. These were left to hold the horses of the troops and act as a rear guard. Apparently when the firing started these men scampered away and so were not near where the parleying occurred." It is believed it will be another day before the details arrive.

## IT'D BE DIFFERENT IF THERE WAS REAL BLOOD-RED WAR ON

Then It Would Be "Mr. Atkins to the Front"—But Don't You Take Tommy for a "Blooming Fool," Mr. Civilian

They are soliciting no laurel wreaths. They're just—"Human as you are, You treat 'em as sich."

The local militiamen are more than making good already, if one takes the trouble to notice it. They are wearing their uniforms, because the regulations demand it. They are also drawing pay, and the regulations do not prescribe that they shall parade about in "cits," while drawing that pay.

These boys grow a few more numerous daily. They are a neat-looking lot; a clean-looking lot, and they drill—compare them for yourself—with the same easy, straight-shouldered, knee-easy precision that the regulars have. In a few weeks' time, especially after they have been brigaded with the regulars, it won't be possible to notice much difference.

There wasn't enough clothing in the armory here to fit out two organizations on war strength. Some of the men's clothes are not exact fits; that will be remedied when they get next to inexhaustible quartermaster supplies.

But what's being talked about is that they don't swagger—not a mother's son of them. They regard themselves as soldiers. They are quiet, to a man, and unassuming. They don't take up the sidewalk when you pass them on the street; they are a little inclined to give the civilian the right of way. They are all cheerful; many of them are having the delight of their lives. They long for the time when they shall get out of the State and find themselves lined up where there is a chance for the excitement they crave.

Kinston should be proud of the lot of them. They're all part of the community. When the general call is sounded and they pack off for mobilization there will with phantom elasticity be reeled off behind them innumerable heartstrings. The heartstrings will link them with home from another clime ere many weeks.

And it isn't worth while to say that Kinston doesn't care a darn. There are hundreds of persons who will feel a direct, personal interest in these lads. Maybe there are a few who have no relatives; that's the more reason why they should get a glad hand. They should be given it before they get out of here. Possibly some of them won't come back. It's a possibility, no matter how remote.

Something should be done, said a gentleman Friday night, to make the fellows feel that Kinston does care. It doesn't make any difference whether presents of tobacco, chocolate, solidified alcohol stoves or embroidered pocket handkerchiefs are given or not. They are not after such things. But—they haven't asked for it, mind you—what they would like very much is to be spoken to when they are passed, on the streets. And a hand-shake wouldn't be refused—no, sir!

Don't pass these lads like you are afraid to brush against them, if you're a woman, and if you're a man don't elevate your nose when you pass one of them. That's not a fair deal. You're making no impression on the soldier; he thinks he's every whit as dod-gasted good as you are, and he is. But if you're a woman or a man either, see if

## FRENCH RETAKE LOT OF GROUND FELL TO GERMANS ON FRIDAY

Verdun Drive Being Conducted With Unslackened Vigor by Teutons

### BERLIN'S NEW FIGURES

Claims Tremendous Enemy Fleet Participated in Big North Sea Fight Which Now is Ancient History—Two Hundred Ships

(By the United Press)

Paris, June 24.—Impetuously counter attacking, the French have recaptured a large part of the positions lost to the Germans yesterday. Reports indicate that the Crown Prince has resumed the Verdun drive with terrific force.

### More About North Sea Battle.

Berlin, June 24.—About two hundred British warships, including 30 dreadnaughts, nine battle cruisers, six armored cruisers and thirteen small cruisers and 140 destroyers, participated in the Skagerak battle, a semi-official news agency today said, publishing the details of stories obtained from British prisoners.

## STRIKE AT GOLDSBORO MACHINE SHOPS FRIDAY

Goldsboro, June 23.—The big machine plant of Dewey Bros. in this city was forced to shut down this afternoon on account of a misunderstanding between the management and the men. All the machinists, including several of the apprentice boys, held a short conference, put on their coats and walked out.

## ARGENTINE AGAINST INTERVENTION U. S.-MEXICAN ALTERCATION

By Charles P. Stewart, (United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Buenos Ayres, June 24.—The Argentine Government will dispatch a note to Chile tomorrow declining to intervene with other South American republics now in an effort to prevent war between the United States and Mexico.

## CHILE WOULD HAVE ALL AMERICANS INTERVENE

Santiago, Chile, June 23.—The Chilean government has been in active telegraphic communication with the governments of Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador and the United States regarding the possibility of intervention by all the American nations to bring about a peaceful solution of the Mexican situation.

## MANY AMERICANS ARE WAITING AT VERA CRUZ

Vera Cruz, June 23.—The streets of Vera Cruz tonight are thronged with American refugees seeking quarters in the different hotels and rooming houses. Many of them will occupy benches or walk the streets tonight because most available quarters were occupied long since.

It don't make you feel better to stop a few of these fellows on the street, speak to them and tell them you wish them well. If you're unacquainted tell them your name. And that'll be another kindly thought to think in the night watches when soldiers' thoughts wander back through space to familiar haunts and associations.

## VARNER HEADS THE ROADS ASSOCIATION FOR THE NEXT YEAR

Biggest Meeting in History of Organization Came to Close at Wrightsville Beach On Friday Night—1,000 Attended

(Special to The Free Press)

Wrightsville Beach, June 24.—The annual convention of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, in session since Wednesday, was adjourned last night. More than a thousand delegates and good roads enthusiasts from many states attended the meeting.

President H. B. Varner was re-elected secretary and treasurer. The following vice-presidents, from the different congressional districts, were named: First, J. D. Canfield; Second, W. O. Howard; Third, George C. Royal; Fourth, G. L. Jones; Fifth, W. C. Borden; Sixth, W. D. McMillan, Jr.; Seventh, S. C. Hatch; Eighth, E. E. Gray; A. M. McDonald; Tenth, F. Stickleleather.

## BUSINESS GOOD AS COULD BE EXPECTED

Bradstreet's Reports Slight Falling Off, But It's the Off-Season—Some Lines Picking Up Nicely—War Munitions Have Caught Up—Retail Trade and Collections Fair

(Special to The Free Press)

Richmond, Va., June 23.—Bradstreet's says for Richmond and vicinity:

"Business generally shows a slight slackening from the high mark of a few weeks ago. However, this is largely the usual quiet of the between seasons period. Considerable filling-in business is being done by dry goods and shoe houses. Lumber and building continue active and supply houses are consequently receiving good orders. Wholesale produce is quiet, though provisions are still in active demand. Manufacturers of war munitions have about completed their orders in hand and laborers in this line have been laid off in considerable numbers. Tobacco manufacturers are operating at full time and paper manufacturers report active demand for their products, though they are still experiencing difficulty in obtaining some of their supplies. Excessive rains have fallen in some nearby sections causing damage to crops, and hot dry weather is badly needed. The harvesting of wheat is well under way and the crop is an average one. Retail trade is fair, and stocks on the shelves of country merchants are heavy, as purchases in the spring were rather larger than usual, having been made in anticipation of higher prices. Collections are fair."

## DARING AIRMAN FROM STATES WINGED TWO FOKKERS, WAS KILLED

Paris, June 21.—Aviator Chapman was killed today after bringing down two German machines. He was an American.

## COMPULSORY MILITARY LAW WENT INTO EFFECT IN ENGLAND TODAY; SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND OR MORE MEN ADDED TO THE EMPIRE'S ARMIES NOW

By WILBUR S. FORREST, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

London, June 24.—Great Britain today became a nation of militarism. All but a negligible quantity of male Britons between the ages of 18 and 41 today automatically became soldiers for the duration of the war under the military compulsion act. They are the army of reserve and will become trained units as fast as the military authorities can put them through the necessary steps.

## HILL COMMANDS CO. B, MAN'ING HURRIES TAKE CHARGE CO. C

Latter Appointed to Local Command, But Orders Changed Today

### BROWN BECOMES MAJOR

Ranks All Other Officers Here But Goes On Retired List—Officers of Company B Are Efficient Set of Men

Capt. John Hall Manning, to command Co. C, Selma.

Capt. A. L. C. Hill, to command Co. B, Kinston.

Capt. Geo. Freeman, to be quartermaster of the Second infantry.

Capt. J. I. Brown, to retire with the rank of major.

These orders today interested the local National Guardsmen. It was understood Friday night that Capt. Brown had been retired with the rank of major, which is equivalent in active service to the tactical command of four companies of infantry or four troops of cavalry, or three batteries of field artillery, etc. At the same time it was learned that Capt. Manning had been ordered to command Co. B. Capt. Hill had been commissioned as a captain, a rank he formerly held, and ordered to join the Second infantry as quartermaster. Today these orders were changed, except as affecting Major Brown, with the results stated at the beginning of this article. Company C, it is said, was under the command of a lieutenant, and the office which Capt. Freeman, of Wilson, had held was to be abolished on July 1. It was necessary to fill the vacancy at Selma and desired to retain Capt. Freeman. Major Brown resigned weeks ago. About the best disposition of things possible was as ordered above, officers today said.

Capt. Manning left today for Selma. He is a young officer and a lawyer in civil life. He is from a distinguished family, handsome and popular.

Capt. Hill, long a resident of Kinston, saw service in the Spanish-American war as a Virginia volunteer. He formerly commanded Co. B and later was the regimental quartermaster, to which office he was re-appointed Friday.

Capt. Freeman is a little older than Capt. Manning, energetic and popular. Major Brown, "dean" of the lot affected in rank and service, is one of the best pistol shots in the country, a fact which many of his friends do not know. He is noted in the service for his liking for hard work. He was respected by every man in the regiment and the men of his old company bear for him positive affection. While an excellent shot, he was compelled to use glasses.

Capt. Hill will have as his subalterns 1st Lt. J. O. H. Taylor and 2nd Lt. W. A. Faulkner. Lieut. Taylor is probably the best informed junior officer in the regiment. Regular army officers who have graded his work on (Continued on Page Three)

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It is estimated that upwards of 600,000 are thus added to the military forces. Between 350,000 and 400,000 are youths under nineteen. The remainder is divided between married and single men who have held back mainly for family or business reasons. Beginning today every man walking the streets or highways of Great Britain, excluding Ireland, is subject to challenge by a police constable and must produce his certificate of military exemption forthwith or face the consequences.