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# CARRANZA NOT DEFIANT IN THE REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE; ONLY STATES MEXICANS' SIDE OF CASE

# REPORTED ON GOOD AUTHORITY THAT THE FIRST CHIEF DOES NOT SEEK TO ENRAGE UNITED STATES BY IN SOLENCE

Message Not Had This Afternoon-Friends of De Facto President Certain That Reports of His Stubbornness Are Overrated-Will Try to Convince Washington That Sovereignty of Southern Republic Is Infringed by Maintenance of Foreign Army Within Its Bounds-Pershing, Almost Surrounded by Mexican Army, May Get Six Thousand More Men Within a Week-Ten Thousand Militiamen Expected to Arrive Today

(By Carl W. Groat.)

Washington, July 1-Contrary to messages in certain diplomatic quarters, advices to Carranza's American friends today indicated that he will not adopt a defiant attitude in this coming note answering the United States'

He instead emphasizes what he considers infringe- him, and local politicians declare Mr. ment of Mexican sovereignty by the presence of Ameri-

A United Press informant who has been correct heretofore, today indicated that he will not bring about any

Foreign Minister Aguilar's defiant statement issued in Mexico City yesterday is regarded as solely for Mexican consumption. The reply had not arrived early this afternoon.

Pershing Soon to Be Reinforced.

El Paso, July 1.-Before the end of the coming week there will be twenty-five thousand guardsmen from here to Columbus, releasing 6,000 regulars to reinforce Pershing. The advance guard of the militia, ten thousand strong, is expected today. With the regulars released, Pershing will have seventeen thousand men in Mexcio about one-third the number of Carranzistas concentrated in horseshoe formation about Pershing.

## AMBASSADOR FRANCIS, PLAIN AMERICAN, MADE BIG HIT WITH THE RUSSIAN ROYAL FAMILY; EMBASSY AT PETROGRAD ONE OF RUSSIA'S PLEASANT

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMS, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Petrograd, May 6-(Ey Mail)-David R. Francis, former Governor of Missouri, now new American Ambassador to Russia, has solved the riddle of "Why is an American Embassy. Incidentally he is a hit. And they say he is doing it by being a plain American.

"I don't pretend to be a diplomat," Ex-Governor Myron T. Herrick remarked shortly after he had been named ambassador to France. "I am just a plain American sent here by the American government to look ai. ter the interests of the American people, and that is what I am going to dodo to the very best of my ability."

This Herrick did. When the war burst on Europe like a thunderclap he cut red tape, right and left, and figuratively went at things in his be negotiable nowadays at No. 34. shirt sleeves. He assisted Americans ambassador since Franklin.

From what Americans here say cans. The Yankee abroad does not There is neither fawning rowning, neither servility t the and pass them along untouched by pens, the entire atm place is one of plain, meri- human hands.

Drop around when you feel like it. Come and read the American papers. Don't need to ask for anybody. Make

yourself at home." That is the kind of thing Americans encounter at No. 34 Furshtatskaya now. Nor is it exceptional. If one wishes to see the "Governor" as he is already called here-which in itself says considerable-he can be seen without interminable waits. If he is busy in his private office a secretary will say quite frankly:

"The Governor is talking to the owner of the building now, but he'll see you in a minute," or words to that effect. One is not smothered in mystery thick as mush nor led to imagine that at least the Emperor must be waiting on the Ambassador begging for advice on how to run the country. The plain truth seems to

Francis belongs to the "Marse" in plain, effective, straightforward Henry Watterson type of American, ways. And he made the biggest hit frank, vigorous, straightforward. He with the French, high and low, of any is tall, well set-up, white of hair and mustache, possessed of plentiful natural dignity and poise, but utterly David R. Francis bids fair to dupli- lacking in pose. He had no actual cate Herrick's success, and in much diplomatic training before coming the same way. He has turned the here, so he does not try to make those American Embassy at 34 Furshtats- who call on him believe he taught kaya into an open hourse for Ameri- Machisvelli and Gladstone all they atatatatrtatatatshrd lal atath raao have to bring letters from prominent know. Having done a few things politicians at home to gain admit- himself which require common sense tance. He does not feel like an in- combined with tact, he has a pardontruder when he calls. The place is a lable amount of self-confidence and so beehive for work, yet no secretary is hopes and believes he will be able to too busy to be pleasant. Nobody "get along." His conversation is unsmirks but neither does anybody glare adulterated Americans, nor does he when a visitor appears at the door. make the slightest effort to wrap his each and every word in diplomatically and hermetically sealed packages

> The report is current here tha both the Czar and the Czarina took

# JONES IS HAVING A WALKAWAY FOR SEN

Leaving Paul Webb Far Behind in Balloting In Primary for Col. W. D. Pollock's Running Mate, Adherents Say

Voting here in the State Senatorial run-off primary today between Furnifold Brock and Paul Webb was ight. Brock had everything his own way in the local precincts. La-Grange was giving the Jones county man a big vote; Webb was polling only few scattered votes there, if any, was reported.

Jones and Lenoir counties will give Brock overwhelming majorities, it is thought. Greene county will favor Webb will carry no county in the district except his own-Carteret.

Last Fiseal Month Give Acres, and Crop Condition Quarter Off

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 1.-An agricul ture bulletin today said 39.994,000 acres of cotton were under cultivation in the United States from May 25 to June 25.

1915 area under cultivation, local estimates putting the acreage at 41,000, and condition at 90. North Carolina had 113 per cent, of the 1915 acreage under cultivation, with a total acreage of 469,000, and condition at 76 per cent. as compared with last year. South Carolina reported 115 per cent. of the 1915 acreage under cultivation with a total acreage of 2,938,000, and condition at 74 per cent., as compared

Children teething often suffer from Cholera Infantum, Diarrhoea or some form of Bowel Complaint. Dr. SETH ARNOLD'S BALSAM is the best remedy. Warranted by J. E. Hood & Co. and E. B. Marston Drug stores.

strong liking to the new Ambassador. The Imperial couple received him before he had been here a week. constituting a record. He wore no uniform and was detained in conversation with the Czar 35 minutes.

the Physically Undesirable-Men Fare Not So Badly-Hoping to Get to the Border Soon

Camp Glenn, Morehead City, N. C. July 1 .- Things are not dull here today. The Second infantry, in which Kinston is quite considerably represented, is being manhandled, punched and thumped by a lot of army and National Guard medical officers. They are conscientious doctors. Officers of the regiment today said we'd lose a smaller number of men than did the First, however. That is their firm belief, professedly, but company officers' opinions on such matters are like John McGraw's or Hughey Jennings' pre-stason statements.

Things are different here from what they are at "militia" encampments. Still, on the whole, they do not get worse. Holding their ownyou might say. Every doughboy here is holding on to what he has, too. As soon as the medical examinations are over and the company cooks-forgive them, though the men won't-get little more proficient, we'll be as cozy as bugs in rugs.

They have a praying man in one Second company here. He's in the sergeants' tent. And when he'd finshed his silent prayer last night a tentmate started coaching him, about ike this: "Now, say God bless papa and God bless mamma, and-" The praying one was sleepy. He drawled along his opinion on persons who do not like public prayer in military camps in about this wise: "If you don't like it you can step clear to-And I'd pray on brigade review if wanted to and lick anybody in the Government Statistics for outfit who tried to stop me. And, believe me, this is a half-cocked sort of a business anyway, to the way things North Carolina 469,000 are run where I was sending my litthe radio talk." Then he dozen off. No one said a word after that. They are the best men in the brigade, these fellows who dare to do that. Most of them who do pray don't let their

bunkies get next, it seems. We hear we're to entrain in a few days. Let it come. There's no especial news for Kinston. I've interviewed Jim Mehegan, a band private, a Company B cook, Sergt. Charles Virginia had 130 per cent, of the Eagby and several others and they assert emphatically that they know

## GOING ON IN OTHER TOWNS AND COUNTIES OF EASTERN CAROLINA

Max Smith of New Bern and 'Dumps" Turner of Kinston will wrestle at Morehead City Tuesday night. The match will be a feature of the July 4 celebration there.

A slight wreck occurred on the A C. L. between Wilmington and New Bern when a caboose and coal car jumped the track at Verona. A hobe was badly shaken up but no one

A small son of J. Nat Taylor of Robersonville was killed by the accidental discharge of a rifle a brother was carrying into the house. The bullet penetrated the victim's eye and

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### are now quietly and unassumingly in-Hay Bill Passes House quiring into the conditions that exist Giving \$50 a Month to Militiamen's Families! en to understand that they are not considered objects of charity. Not by a long shot! Rather, Kinston is in-

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 1.—The Hay resolution appropriating two million dollars for militiamen's dependents passed the House 296 to 2 this afternoon. It authorizes the War Secretary to pay militiamen's families without incomes \$50 monthly.

fames of Michigan and Small of North Carolina voted it. It nst the bill.

Medical Men Weeding Out Greenville and Wilson Are Expected to Follow Suit. Five Warehouses to Do Business Here-Crop Is Reported Short

> The local tobacco market will open on Tuesday, Angust 15, it was annonneed today. The Tobacco Board of Trade declined to accept a proposition from Rocky Mount tobacconists to delay the opening until September 1. It was believed the Rocky Mount men wanted time in which to buy on the South Carolina markets. Greenville and Wilson will start the season on the 15th, it is thought here.

There will be five warehouses, including a new one erected this summer on East Lenoir avenue, to do business on the local market.

The crop in the Kinston section is a little off, according to warehousemen's reports. They say there has been too much rain

Revenue Bill Will Make Big Interests Pay for Preparedness

## SMALL INHTINCES EXEMPT

Hundred Million Dollars ances, and fifty million from muni-Can Be Raised Under one and increases at the rate of one Provisions of Measure Introduced Today

(By the United Press) Washington, July 1 .- Income, ia-

heritance and munitions taxes is a war bond issues will pay the costs, shifting the burdens almost entirely upon accumulated wealth and

dominates every movement for the

public good undertaken in Kinston,

Soldiers' Families," organized Fri-

day under the direction of a steering

committee appointed the night before

by the Chamber of Commerce direct-

The committee named an investi-

gating committee, the members of

which, prepared for a start with a

ist of names of about 25 or 30 de-

pendents of National Guardsmen here

who "might possibly" be "willing to

accept" assistance from the Relief

Committee "in any possible way,"

in the homes of the 25 or 30 depend-

ents of men who are absent on the

The persons approached will be giv-

clined to glorify them. They are a

part of this community. They have

given most that they have to a cause

that requires sacrifice. It is Kin-

ston's duty-a pleasant duty-to pro-

ded to keep the

Should anyone be willing to ac

vide for these citizens.

aid the public will never for

country's and Kinston's business.

orate, today got down to work.

the "Committee for the Relief

# SECOND INFANTRY'S WILL OPEN KINSTON BRITISH BEGAN OFFENSIVE IN WESTERN TRIAL BY FIRE AT TOBACCO MARKET ON THEATER THIS MORNING; GERMANS BEING CAMP GLENN TODAY THE 15TH OF AUGUST PUT TO THE SEVEREST TEST OF THE WAR

Long-Looked For Drive Followed Four Days of Incessant Big Gun Fighting-Smash Directed Particularly Against 20 Miles of Trenches In the Somme Sector-First-Line Works of the Teutons Taken-Intense Enthusiasm In London-Confirmation of the Capture of Kolomea-Along Sixteen Miles of Front Allies Have Broken German Defenses-Almost Hundred Miles of Trenches Subjected to Heavy Bombardment

(By Edward L. Keen.)

London, July 1.—The long-expected British offensive began at 7:30 o'clock this morning with a tremendous smash against the Germans' twenty-mile front in the Somme sector. Information contained in brief dispatches say. Firse-line German trenches were taken, as well as many prisoners.

The British attacks are violently continuing.

This news, coincident with the announcement of the capture of vastly important Kolomea by the Russians, has aroused intense enthusiasm.

The forward thrust followed four days of the most lavish expenditude of shell fire the world has ever known, in which the German front for ninety miles was literally early this afternoon that the British have broken the German forward defenses on 16 miles of the front. TAX INCOMES German forward dere

London, July 1.—The British have captured Serra Montauban, it is semi-officially announced. The French troops have advanced over a mile at Curlu and Suvier Wood.

German Statement Refutes Enemy Successes. Berlin, July 1.—Repeated British and French attacks everywhere have been repulsed, the war office today an-

nounced.

ncomes. The new administration re-

House this afternoon.

Experts believe the new bill will raise a hundred million dollars from Believed More Than Two incomes, sixty million from inherittions. The income tax begins at \$20,per cent. for each classification until ten per cent. is levied on all incomes exceeding half a million. Inheritance tax provisions exempt all estates un-

der \$50,000.

RELIEF COMMITTEE TO KEEP ALL DEALINGS

WITH SOLDIERS' FAMILIES CONFIDENTIAL

AND ASSURE THEM THEY'LL NOT SUFFER

With that same fine spirit that | dential. In fact, it is hardly prob-

By Robert J. Bender, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, July 1-President Wilson has taken his Mexican policy for a campaign issue and put it up to his political opponents.

able that all cases will be known to

Information is solicited by the com-

mittee. Anyone who needs or might

need help should be reported at once.

No call has been made to the pub-

lic for contributions. None will be

ed to let the public subscribe volun-

tarily to a fund when an estimate of

what sum will be necessary is secur-

The following comprise the Cham-

per of Commerce's ocmimttee: E. G.

Barrett, D. F. Wooten, C. F. Har-

vey, E. V. Webb and J. H. Canady

above are: J. O. Miller, W. D. Ward

Dr. I. M. Hardy, J. B. Meacham, J.

H. Dawson, H. E. Moseley, Y. T.

Ormond, F. P. Outlaw, J. I. Brown,

A. L. Harrington, Mrs. James F.

Parrott, Mrs. W. D. LaRoque, Mrs.

R. F. Hill, Mrs. L. P. Howard and

The following are the investigating

committee: E. V. Webb, J. B. Mea-

cham, J. I. Brown, Mrs. W. D.

J. F. Taylor and Mrs. R. F. Hill.

Relief Committee is comprised by E.

and H. E. Moseley and J. O. Miller

Mrs. J. F. Taylor.

On the general committee with the

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the full committee.

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Greene, Lenoir, Craven and Pitt Counties and Durham Represented - Full List of Non-Commissioned Officers Now

(By ROSCOE BARRUS)

Camp Glenn, Morehead City, July .- Following is the roster of Company D, Second infantry, as it stands

Captain, A. L. C. Hill, company

1st Lt., J. O. H. Taylor. 2nd Lt., W. A. Faukner.

1st Sergt.. Jesse A. Jackson.

Sergts., L. H. Aldridge, Clyde R. Hight, G. G. Parker, Sidney L. Fordham, Arthur G. Booth and Geo. S. Taylor. (Sergeants rank alike, except that first sergeant is a higher

Corps., Jesse C. Conway, E. B. Jackson, Raymond Jackson, D. R. Barrus, E. S. Pittman, W. H. Avery, Leo W. Kornegay and Samuel F. made unless necessary. It is intend-

Artificer, W. H. Kennedy. (Artificers rank with privates but draw more pay.)

Musicians, A. T. Parker and J. . Waters. (Musicians rank with and draw the pay of privates.)

Cooks, E. R. Bailey and H. C. Sumrell. (Cooks rank with privates but draw twice as much pay.)

Privates Askew, Thos.; Adams, Bingham; Abernathy, Ivey; Avery, Seth; Avery, Richard; Booth, Lee; Brinson, Leo T.; Brown, Claude H.; Boone, H. D.; Barnes, Ellis; Ballard, W. H.; Bond, Paul; Canady. Jas.; Crane, Noah; Crane, Luke M.; Cummings, Jas. B.; Carter, John F.; Daugherty, Chas.; Flowers, W. E.; Frizzelle, Jas. J.; Grubbs, Leo; Grady, J. K.; Gwaltney, Alonzo; Hay, R. C.; Hammond, E. A.; Holland, R.; LaRoque, Mrs. J. F. Parrott, Mrs. Holmes, Wm.; Jones, Sam H.; Kennedy, Walter Herbert; Kennedy, F.; The executive committee of the Kennedy, W. H.; Kennedy, F.; Kennedy, W.; Koonce, J. T.; Langston, J. G. Barrett, Chairman; C. F. Harvey, M.; Leggette, John W.; Lee, Brad-

Secretary; D. F. Wooten, Treasurer, ley F.; Lanier, Joseph R; Martin (Continued on Page Six)