

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 INSOLENT IN CRISIS

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' demands.

He instead emphasizes what he considers infringement of Mexican sovereignty by the presence of American troops.

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

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 Mexico, 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 SPOTS

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMS,
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Petrograd, May 6.—(By 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 after the interests of the American people, and that is what I am going to do 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 shirt sleeves. He assisted Americans in plain, effective, straightforward ways. And he made the biggest hit with the French, high and low, of any ambassador since Franklin.

From that Americans here say David R. Francis bids fair to duplicate Herrick's success, and in much the same way. He has turned the American Embassy at 34 Furshtatskaya into an open house for Americans. The Yankee abroad does not have to bring letters from prominent politicians at home to gain admittance. He does not feel like an intruder when he calls. The place is a beehive for work, yet no secretary is too busy to be pleasant. Nobody smirks but neither does anybody glare when a visitor appears at the door. There is neither fawning nor frowning, neither servility nor stuckupness—the entire atmosphere of the place is one of plain, simple Americanism.

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PRESIDENT PUTTING MEXICAN POLICY UP FOR CAMPAIGN ISSUE

Squarely Confronting Political Opponents; Nothing Secret About Stand

WAR ONLY IF NECESSARY

But If It Is Necessary Wilson Won't Shirk It—Rather Than Withdraw the Forces, He Will Have Them Increased

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.

This is the opinion of political and official Washington in view of his Philadelphia and New York speeches, which showed unmistakably that he would not countenance a war with Mexico except as the extreme resort in settling the border troubles.

However, he makes it plain that no step will be omitted in complete preparation for the worst while hoping for the best.

Those close to the President are convinced that the Pershing expedition will not be withdrawn. The forces on the border are to be steadily and rapidly increased.

BELIEVED BROCK OF 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 light. Brock had everything his own way in the local precincts. LaGrange was giving the Jones county man a big vote; Webb was polling only a few scattered votes there, if any, it was reported.

Jones and Lenoir counties will give Brock overwhelming majorities, it is thought. Greene county will favor him, and local politicians declare Mr. Webb will carry no county in the district except his own—Carteret.

COTTON ACREAGE IN COUNTRY IS THIRTY- SIX MILLION, SAID

Government Statistics for Last Fiscal Month Give North Carolina 469,000 Acres, and Crop Condi- tion Quarter Off

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 1.—An agriculture bulletin today said 35,994,000 acres of cotton were under cultivation in the United States from May 25 to June 25.

Virginia had 130 per cent. of the 1915 area under cultivation, local estimates putting the acreage at 44,000, 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 with 1915.

BULLETINS

CROWN PRINCE RENEWES DRIVE

(By the United Press)

Paris, July 1.—The Crown Prince has resumed the Verdun drive with most powerful attacks on both the Meuse banks. The Germans again have penetrated the Thiaumont works captured by the French yesterday. The French retain the outskirts.

Hay Bill Passes House Giving \$50 a Month to Militiamen's Families!

(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.

James of Michigan and Small of North Carolina voted against the bill.

SECOND INFANTRY'S TRIAL BY FIRE AT CAMP GLENN TODAY

Medical Men Weeding Out the Physically Undesir- able—Men Fare Not So Badly—Hoping to Get to the Border Soon

(Special to The Free Press)

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 Hughie Jennings' pre-season statements.

Things are different here from what they are at "militia" encampments. Still, on the whole, they do not get worse. Holding their own, you 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 a little more proficieny, we'll be as cozy as bugs in rugs.

They have a praying man in the Second company here. He's in the sergeants' tent. And when he'd finished his silent prayer last night a janetmate started coaching him, about like 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 I wanted to and lick anybody in the outfit who tried to stop me. And, believe me, this is a half-cocked sort of a business anyway, to the way things are run where I was sending my lit- tle radio talk." Then he dozes 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 special news for Kinston. I've interviewed Jim Mehegan, a band private, a Company B cook, Sgt. Charles Eagly and several others and they assert emphatically that they know nothing.

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 ho- bo was badly shaken up but no one was hurt.

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 brain.

WILL OPEN KINSTON TOBACCO MARKET ON THE 15TH OF AUGUST

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, August 15, it was announced today. The Tobacco Board of Trade declined to accept a proposition from Rocky Mount tobacco- nists to delay the opening until Sep- tember 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, in- cluding a new one erected this sum- mer on East Lenoir avenue, to do business on the local market.

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

TO LEVY A TEN PER CENT. TAX INCOMES OVER HALF MILLION

Revenue Bill Will Make Big Interests Pay for Pre- paredness

SMALL INHERITANCES EXEMPT

Believed More Than Two Hundred Million Dollars Can Be Raised Under Provisions of Measure In- troduced Today

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 1.—Income, in- heritance and munitions taxes will pay the preparedness costs. If there is a war bond issues will pay the costs, shifting the burdens almost en- tirely upon accumulated wealth and

RELIEF COMMITTEE TO KEEP ALL DEALINGS WITH SOLDIERS' FAMILIES CONFIDENTIAL AND ASSURE THEM THEY'LL NOT SUFFER

With that same fine spirit that dominates every movement for the public good undertaken in Kinston, the "Committee for the Relief of Soldiers' Families," organized Friday under the direction of a steering committee appointed the night before by the Chamber of Commerce direc- torate, today got down to work.

The committee named an investi- gating committee, the members of which, prepared for a start with a list 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," are now quietly and unassumingly in- quiring into the conditions that exist in the homes of the 25 or 30 de- pendents of men who are absent on the country's and Kinston's business.

The persons approached will be given to understand that they are not considered objects of charity. Not by a long shot! Rather, Kinston is in- 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 provide for these citizens.

Should anyone be willing to accept aid the public will never know about it. It is intended to keep the busi- ness of the committee strictly confi-

BRITISH BEGAN OFFENSIVE IN WESTERN THEATER THIS MORNING; GERMANS BEING PUT TO THE SEVEREST TEST OF THE WAR

Long-Looked For Drive Followed Four Days of Inces- sant Big Gun Fighting—Smash Directed Particularly Against 20 Miles of Trenches in the Somme Sector— First-Line Works of the Teutons Taken—Intense En- thusiasm 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 first 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 expenditure of shell fire the world has ever known, in which the German front for ninety miles was literally bathed with projectiles from massed artillery. It was said early this afternoon that the British have broken the German forward defenses on 16 miles of the front.

British Report Gains.

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

German Statement Refutes Enemy Successes.

Berlin, July 1.—Repeated British and French attacks everywhere have been repulsed, the war office today announced.

incomes. The new administration revenue bill is to be introduced in the House this afternoon.

Experts believe the new bill will raise a hundred million dollars from incomes, sixty million from inheri- tances, and fifty million from munitions. The income tax begins at \$20,000 and increases at the rate of one per cent. for each classification until ten per cent. is levied on all incomes exceeding half a million. Inheritance tax provisions exempt all estates under \$50,000.

Danville, June 30.—Dr. Reyborne M. Williams, a prominent dentist, was killed today by being thrown from a horse.

COMPANY B HAS MEN FROM OTHER PLACES IN ITS LONG ROSTER

Greene, Lenoir, Craven and Pitt Counties and Dur- ham Represented— Full List of Non-Commission- ed Officers Now

(By ROSCOE BARRUS)

Camp Glenn, Morehead City, July 1.—Following is the roster of Com- pany B, Second infantry, as it stands to date:

Captain, A. L. C. Hill, company commander.

1st Lt., J. O. H. Taylor.
2nd Lt., W. A. Faulkner.
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 grade.)

Corps., Jesse C. Conway, E. B. Jackson, Raymond Jackson, D. R. Barrus, E. S. Pittman, W. H. Avery, Leo W. Kornegay and Samuel F. Liffage.

Artificer, W. H. Kennedy. (Arti- ficers rank with privates but draw more pay.)

Musicians, A. T. Parker and J. L. 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; Bal- lard, 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; Gray, J. K.; Gwaltney, Alonzo; Hay, R. C.; Hammond, E. A.; Holland, R.; Holmes, Wm.; Jones, Sam H.; Ken- nedy, Walter Herbert; Kennedy, F.; Kennedy, W. H.; Kennedy, F.; Ken- nedy, W.; Koonce, J. T.; Langston, J. M.; Leggett, John W.; Leo, Brad- ley F.; Lanier, Joseph B.; Martin

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