

America Giving Carranza Time to Clear Up the Situation if He is Inclined to Avoid War

ADMINISTRATION NOT INCLINED TO PRESS FIRST CHIEF FOR AN ANSWER, ACCORDING TO STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT TODAY

Believed Government Has Knowledge That De Facto President Desires Peace and Is Willing to Do All He Can to Adjust Matters—No Action for Few Days Unless "Sinister Developments"—Readjustment Military Affairs; Wood May Be Appointed to Command Armies Mobilizing on Border — National Guard Regiments Pouring Into Texas and Other Frontier States Today—Public Not Informed of Stations of Soldiers

(By Carl Groat)

Washington, July 3.—For the moment the Administration won't press Carranza to answer the American demands for a statement on his attitude toward Mexican-American relations, the State Department today announced, saying the situation is in statu quo for the present, especially in view of the relief of the tension by Carranza releasing the American prisoners.

Secretary Lansing insisted there has been no change regarding the American forces in Mexico. This announcement is interpreted as meaning that this government has secret assurances that Carranza will adjust the situation if given time. Indications are that America will wait upon Carranza unless sinister developments occur below the border.

Wood May Command on Border.

Washington, July 3.—The War Department today announced the division of the Southern Department into three sections, under the respective commands of Major-General Funston, Major-General Bell and Brigadier-General Pershing. It is believed the readjustment is preliminary to appointing Major-General Leonard Wood, now commanding the Eastern Department, to supreme command on the border.

May Be Days Yet Before Carranza Replies.

Mexico City, July 3.—The foreign office is unable to make definite announcement when Carranza's reply to the last American demands will be made. It may be several days yet.

Militiamen's Whereabouts Secret.

El Paso, July 3.—Eastern militiamen poured into the border country today and were immediately sent to censored stations. The men generally are in good shape despite the terrific heat.

War Department Optimistic.

Washington, July 3.—Mexican matters appeared to the State Department today to be shaping satisfactorily, but there still remained to be had the important reply to the American demands for Carranza's statement of his attitude. While optimism was the keynote at the War Department, the army continued hastily preparing for any eventualities.

SAYS CARRANZA IS 'SCARED TO DEATH' OF HIS LIEUTENANTS AMERICA CAN RAISE ALMST ENOUGH MEN TO WHIP THE WORLD

First Chief Would Escape If He Could, Declares Refugee — Will Make War, Pretend to Take the Field and Flee

(By the United Press)
Philadelphia, July 3.—"Carranza will force war in order to escape from Mexico City, where he is virtually a prisoner," said W. F. Flynn, a Texan refugee today. "Carranza is scared to death. Thrice he tried to escape from Vera Cruz, but his generals held him prisoner. In the event of war he will escape under the pretense of taking the field."

COLORED BOY ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE NEUSE

Clemsey Roberson's mother does not know he was drowned in Neuse river near the post house Sunday morning, it is reported. The boy

Twenty-one Million Able-Bodied Fighters Available, Says Census Bureau Report—Most Are Native-Born

(By United Press)
Washington, July 3.—There are 21 million able-bodied men between 18 and 45 in the United States, according to a special census report as to the Nation's resources in men and military fitness. The report is based on the 1910 figures with an estimated 10 per cent increase. Of nineteen million in 1910, over fourteen million were native-born whites, and two million native born colored.

could not swim. He was 13 and colored. His mother is critically ill at a house in Southwest Kinston, and the news might cause her death.

BROCK HAD IT EASY IN SECOND PRIMARY IN DIST. SATURDAY

Will Be Democratic Candidate for Senator Along With Col. Pollock of Kinston—Webb Made a Poor Show

Returns from Saturday's senatorial run-off primary in the Seventh district are not yet complete. They may be tonight or Tuesday. Isolated precincts in several counties have not been heard from. Furnifold Brock, however, had a landslide majority out of the small vote polled; that much is certain. He carried all counties with the exception of Carteret, in which his opponent, Paul Webb, lives.

Jones, Brock's county, is believed to have given him a majority of about 400; Lenoir about 575 or 600; Greene, 300; Craven, 400; Onslow, 400. Carteret probably gave Webb a small majority.

Kinston gave Brock 337 votes and Webb 35. Moseley Hall township voted 152 for Brock to 1 for Webb.

Brock will be on the ticket with Col. W. D. Pollock of Kinston.

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TO GIVE ALLEGED LYNCHERS OF JOSEPH BLACK HEARING BEFORE SUPERIOR CO'RT JUDGE IN THIS CITY ON TUESDAY MORNING

"Dozens" Said to Be Charged With Murder of Negro Who Was Lynched in Greene County In April—Not Trial But Commitment Proceedings—Craig Says He Don't Think It Will Be Necessary to Send Troops to Kinston—Special Officer In Greene With Many Warrants to Be Served This Afternoon—Complete Surprise to Kinston and Snow Hill Officials—Not Likely Jury Trial of Accused Would Be Staged Here

(By the United Press)
Raleigh, July 3.—There was a sensation here today following the issuance of bench warrants for alleged members of an alleged Greene and Lenoir county mob that lynched Joe Black near Kinston.

Judge W. M. Bond of Edenton will take evidence in a preliminary trial of "dozens" of alleged lynchings of Joe Black here Tuesday morning. It was admitted by officials today that Richard Stroud, a former Kinston policeman, had gone to Greene county to serve bench warrants on the accused. It is intended for Judge Bond to hear evidence and commit the men to jail or bail to await trial by jury. The news came as a complete surprise to local officials today. Sheriff Taylor had heard nothing of it. Sheriff Williams at Snow Hill was surprised. Both officials think the hearing will prove a bubble. Sheriff Williams at Snow Hill was surprised. Both officials think the hearing will prove a bubble. Williams declared he believes it almost impossible to secure a word of evidence against any member of the mob who took Black from the jail here early in April, carried him into Greene county and shot him to death. The Greensboro Daily News this morning carried a story about the coming hearing, stating that Black was lynched in Kinston. Sheriff Taylor reiterated off-expressed belief that such was not the case, but that the old ne-

gro—who paid the penalty for upholding his son, an assault fiend, with his life—was put out of the way in Greene county. Shaw Won't Talk. Solicitor Shaw today declined to be interviewed about the hearing. He said, however, that it was not reasonable to suppose that the warrants would be issued unless evidence was at hand. He did not say how many had been charged. "More amazed than they are not on earth," said the Greensboro paper's story, referring to the accused men. But since the warrants are not to be served until this afternoon it is safe to assume that there won't be any surprises until several hours from this writing.

IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE EATS AT STATE ENCAMPMENT

Cooks Not All Proficient, But No Shortage of Good, Wholesome Rations

COOL AND COMFORTABLE

Camp Glenn Is a Very Good Place to Be Quartered—Turning Off of Many Men Doesn't Reflect on Companies, Said

(Special to The Free Press)

Camp Glenn, July 3.—God bless our home, but I like Kinston better. I spent the "week-end" there. Here they'd call it a day's leave, but week-end sounds more civilian-like. They are corking good folks up there. Seventeen persons I never saw before in my life shook hands with me and seemed to take a real interest in me. Yes, they take a big interest in your health down here, too. But a different motive prompts it, of course.

One good old lady stopped me, grasped my arm and wanted to know if I knew Benny. "Yes'm," I said; "I know Benny. And do you know, Benny is getting to be one of the most popular lads in the regiment." Now if any preacher is going to send me to the spit for anything like that why let him cut loose. The old lady beamed. 'Twas the first good deed I'd had a chance to perform in a fortnight; and our sky-pilot—a new

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THIRTY - THREE CO. B MEN TURNED DOWN CAMP GLENN SUNDAY

Six Non-Commissioned Officers In Lot—All Officers Passed—Band May Not Be Looked Over Until Wednesday

RECRUITS WANTED.

Capt. A. L. C. Hill, commanding Company B, will be in the city until Tuesday evening to enlist recruits for his company. Any number of men can be taken. Company B needs men! Kinston can turn loose some more. It is the duty of every foot-free man who is physically able to enlist.

Enlistment in the National Guard of the United States and North Carolina means that one draws full pay while on active service and one-quarter pay when the troops return to home stations.

Thirty-three men of Company B, Second North Carolina infantry, returned here Sunday night from Camp Glenn, where they were rejected during the day by army and National Guard medical examining officers. With them came Capt. A. L. C. Hill of D Company, who will spend a day or two here recruiting. Major J. I. Brown, retired, who was at Camp Glenn Sunday, is taking charge of the equipment of the rejected men. Most of those turned down were short on weight or stature, or of poor eyesight. A very small per cent. lost out on account of disability that might have been prevented.

All three officers passed. Leo Kornegay, biggest man in the company—a small-sized giant—passed with flying colors.

Those who came back were: First Sergeant Jesse A. Jackson. Sergeants Lemuel H. Aldridge and Clyde R. Hight.

Corporals George S. Taylor, Jesse C. Conway and Ebron S. Pittman. Musician John L. Waters. Cook Eugene R. Bailey.

Privates: Bingham Adams, Seth R. Avery, Lee R. Booth, Herman D. Boone, Ellis Barnes, Paul Bond, John F. Carter, W. E. Flowers, Altonzo Gwaltney, William Holmes, John D. Metts, Dalton C. May, Lynn McDaniel, Arthur Phillips, John D. Phylaw, Emmet R. Richards, Samuel Smithwick, James Sutton, Gurney B. Stroud, Sam Sanderson, Roland Sheppard, Walter W. Sparrow, Blaney E. Turnage, Walter D. Williams and Ralph Worthington.

The band will be one of the last organizations to be examined. They will probably be put through on Wednesday.

SMALL BOY PLAYING 'MEXICAN' GOT SHOT

Prescott May, a make-believe "Mexican," was shot and slightly wounded by Milton Abbott at La-Grange late Sunday. Both are boys about 12 years of age, it is reported. The youthful marksman had a flobert rifle. The victim, with a wound in his side, was brought to Parrott Memorial Hospital here, but returned home in a few hours.

HETTY GREEN, THE RICHEST WOMAN IN WORLD, DIED TODAY

(By the United Press)
New York, July 3.—Mrs. Hetty Green, 83, richest woman in the world, died here today. She was a millionaire several times over, a notably capable financier and a woman of plain tastes and quiet living.

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ALLIES DRIVING FORWARD IN GREATEST OFFENSIVE IN HISTORY OF WORLD; OFF COAST MONITORS ADDING TO THE FIGHT

British and French Striving Together to Take Important Railway Centers—Germans Bringing Up Heavy Reserves—Reported Teutons Have Lost 20,000 Men in a Day and a Half—French Capture Bequincourt—London Does Not Go Wild With Enthusiasm—Great Fight May Last Months and There May Be Occasional Reverses—Combat May Spread All Along Front More Than a Hundred Miles in Length, It Is Reported

(By Edward L. Keen)

London, July 3.—Under a blazing July sun the Allied armies are pushing across the rolling farmlands of the Somme region in what is rapidly developing into the greatest offensive the world has ever known.

The fighting is growing more intense with the arrival of heavy German reserves. The battle threatens to extend over the whole 110-mile front from the Somme to the sea.

The British artillery has been pounding the German Flanders line for 48 hours. The sounds of ships' guns leads to the belief that the British monitors on the Flanders coast are assisting. This startling information today recalled the Berlin statement on Saturday that the British might deliver their most powerful stroke farther north in Flanders while the French and British in the south continue their gigantic offensive toward Peronne, Cambrai and Lille, railway centers.

The German losses in the first 36 hours are set at 20,000.

The offensive has now developed into a huge rolling-up movement south of Somme. The French are within five miles of Peronne by capturing Bequincourt.

The British public is not intoxicated with the victories. They realize the offensive may take months, with great losses and some allied reverses.

Great Fight at Night.

Paris, July 3.—In a brilliant night attack, the Germans were thrown back on a wide front, the French capturing Harecourt, within five miles of the strategic town of Peronne. Thirty-nine German battalions participated in the defense. Thirty-one of these sustained frightful losses and were completely disorganized.

Most of the prisoners captured are exceedingly young.

CRISIS HAS SHOWN UP NATIONAL GUARD AS POOR PROTECTION

—Sen. Chamberlain

The American People Who Are Responsible, However, He Declares

SHOULD CARRY LESSON

Lack of Preparedness Even of First Line Militiamen Should Drive Reason Into the Nation, Says Senate Leader

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 3.—Had trouble threatened with a powerful, aggressive nation instead of with Mexico, the last few days would have shown the "inherent weaknesses" of the national guard system even more strikingly than has been the case, Chairman Chamberlain of the Senate Military Committee said today in an interview with the United Press.

He had before him in his committee room reports of guardsmen leaving for the front short of horses, mules, supplies, even rifles; of State forces where 60 per cent. of the men sent to the front never had fired an army rifle; of large proportions of National Guard companies being disqualified for active service under U. S. army physical examinations.

"Let me make clear first," he said, "that this is not an attack on the guard. The guardsmen, faulty as the system has shown itself, are better prepared than any of the rest of us. Indeed, they are the only men who have imposed any sacrifice on themselves."

TO VOTE ON COUNTY HOSPITAL AT NOV'R ELECTION, DECIDED

Commissioners Compelled to Take Action—More Than Enough Petitioners. Local Physician Worked for Infirmary

The Board of County Commissioners today authorized an election on a county hospital, to be held in conjunction with the regular election in November.

The action was mandatory, a requisite number of signatures for a petition having been secured and some to spare. Dr. H. O. Hyatt has been most active in the interest of the proposed hospital.

CO-OPERATION IN N. C. SOIL SURVEYS

(Special to The Free Press)

Washington, July 3.—The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and the North Carolina Experiment Station will co-operate this season with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in soil surveys of Stanley, Cleveland and Orange counties. The work will be begun in the near future, it is expected.

BULLETINS

CONGRESS TO QUIT AUG. 20TH.

(By the United Press)
Washington, July 3.—Following a conference with the President today, Senator Keen said he expects Congress to adjourn about August 20th.