

## CARRANZA INTENDED TO DEFY AMERICAN GOVERNMENT BUT FRIENDS AND LEADERS OF LABOR NAGGED HIM INTO SUBMISSION

Remarkable Unofficial Diplomacy Revealed Today—American and Mexican Pacificists Kept Constantly Behind De Facto President Until They Brought About a Change of Mood—Delay in Replying to Demands of United States Explained—Lincoln Steffens, Guest of First Chief, One of Those Active in Behalf of Settlement—Carranza Assured Wilson Intended No Harm to Southern Republic

(By the United Press)

Washington, July 5.—Coincidental with the delivery of the pacificatory note today, some remarkable unofficial diplomacy was revealed. It became known that Carranza prepared a defiant note. Unofficial diplomats got busy. They included American and Mexican labor leaders, and various persons in sympathy with the labor cause. Among them was Lincoln Steffens, who recently was a guest of Carranza for several months.

Assured of Gompers' aid through the endorsement of him by Mexican labor leaders close to Carranza, the intermediaries bombarded Carranza without let-up, concentrating on the fact that Wilson sincerely wished to keep hands off of Mexican internal affairs.

They proved to Carranza that Wilson was anxious to prevent intervention, so the defiant note was replaced with a pacificatory one.

Reply Delivered.  
Washington, July 5.—The State Department today received the official text of Carranza's reply from the Mexican embassy.

## ENGINEER OF TROOP TRAIN WAS WOUNDED

Nogales, Ariz., July 4.—With the arrival today of the last of the Connecticut infantry, the garrison here now numbers about 6,000 men. A steel-jacketed bullet found in a car occupied by a Second Regiment company led to the belief that it had been fired by a sniper. The engineer of the train, who became unconscious in his seat as the train was approaching Lordsburg, was found to have been wounded on the back of the neck. One of the enlisted men, himself a locomotive engineer, took charge of the train and brought it to Lordsburg.

## FATHER AND DAUGHTER ARE DROWNED IN POND

Spartanburg, S. C., July 4.—E. H. Barrow, Past Grand Counsellor of the United Commercial Travelers of North and South Carolina, and his little daughter, Jennie Sue Barrow, 13 years of age, were drowned in a small pond near the Spartanburg Country Club this afternoon. Miss Barrow had waded into the pond when her father noticed that she was in distress and went to her assistance. Upon reaching her both began to sink suddenly, evidently mirroring in the mud and sand on the bottom. Mrs. Barrow with her three sons, all small children, witnessed the tragedy. The family had gone on a picnic for the day.

## SOLDIERS' FAMILIES NEED AID; KINSTON INVITED TO ASSIST DEPENDENTS OF MEN OFF ON COUNTRY'S DUTY; URGENT CASES

The committee for the relief of the families of the men called for military service has made a thorough canvass, visiting the home of each family and ascertaining the exact status of each. About fifteen families have been found, which will likely have to be assisted by the community, several of these are now in distress and the need for immediate assistance is urgent. As announced when the committee was appointed, it is not the purpose at this time at least to make any canvass. Voluntary contributions will be depended upon and the committee urges that these be made at once.

Contributions may be made through Mr. E. G. Barrett, chairman of the committee, Mr. C. F. Harvey, secretary, Mr. D. F. Wooten, treasurer or the newspapers, which have been designated by the committee to receive for transmission to the committee and all contributions.

The Free Press will be glad to have such contributions reported and left at its office.

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## SAM STOCKS SHOWED THEM PLACE WHERE NEGRO WAS KILLED

Testified Two Witnesses Today, and Also of Seeing Policemen in Kinston—Recess in Hearing Until Thursday Morning

After five witnesses had been heard in the Joe Black lynching investigation this morning and one of the number had been put in the custody of the sheriff and later released under five-hundred-dollar bond because the Court thought he was rather handy at "forgetting," a recess was taken in the hearing until Thursday morning, when other witnesses, who had not arrived, will be placed on the stand. A short session was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock for the purpose of having the testimony of the witnesses, already heard, subscribed; it being stated by the stenographer before adjournment this morning that the typewritten copies would be ready at that time.

Asa Hawkins, Harry Murray and Alf Ashford, in the order named, were on the stand this morning. Their evidence was rather inconsequential and threw no light on the matter. The testimony of Cleveland Loftin and Ed. Phillips was somewhat damaging to the defendant Sam Stocks.

Cleveland Loftin testified that he and Sam Stocks had ridden in the car of Ed. Phillips one night about two weeks ago and that Sam Stocks had pointed out the place where the negro had been killed. The witness proved somewhat reluctant and answered to a good many questions that he did not remember. Judge Bond ordered the witness taken in charge by the sheriff. He stated to a representative of The Free Press that he thought the witness had perjured himself. He authorized the release of Loftin under a five hundred dollar bond, which was given by Messrs. W. C. Knox and W. E. Mewborn.

Ed. Phillips proved the best witness so far introduced for the State. He told of the ride with Loftin and Sam Stocks and of overhearing Sam tell of the trip to Kinston on the night of the lynching. He said that Sam Stocks had pointed out the place where he said the negro had been killed, and that he had spoken of having seen policemen on the streets in Kinston and of his "44," which helped to do the work, or words to that effect. The cross-examination conducted by Attorney Paul Frizzelle, of counsel for the defense, endeavored to show that the trip in which the three were together was a lark in which considerable liquor was consumed and that the talk of Sam Stocks was but drunken chat.

## NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS IS HERE

(By the United Press)

Supt. K. R. Curtis of the City Schools has arrived in the city. Mr. Curtis, who has been in Portsmouth, Va., for the past four years, was elected some weeks ago to succeed Supt. Barron Caldwell, resigned. His family is expected to join him before the end of the month.

Mr. Curtis late Tuesday announced the appointment of E. B. Jones of Elizabeth City to be a member of the High School faculty. Mr. Jones is a Trinity College man and comes highly recommended, especially by Dr. Brooks of Trinity. Other male members of the High School faculty will be selected in the next few days.

## GREEN PROPOSED FOR DIST. ATTORNEYSHIP

(Special to The Free Press)

New Bern, July 5.—Friends of Ernest M. Green of this city are urging Senator Simmons to secure Mr. Green the Eastern district attorneyship as successor to Judge F. D. Winston, appointed Judge in the place of the late Judge Peoples. Mr. Green is now assistant district attorney.

## NOTHING BUT WATER AND POP TO DRINK AT CAMP GLENN NOW

Soldiers Count That As Least of Their Troubles—Anxious to Be Off—Kinstonians Are Doing Nicely, Reported

(Special to The Free Press)

Camp Glenn, July 5.—The troops of the State in camp here are in excellent spirit. They don't seem to mind that. Several thousand representative young men of North Carolina are exemplifying the benefit of prohibition to the Commonwealth.

Yesterday was the Fourth of July. It was in a lot of other places, but in few so much so as here. The troops almost had a holiday, which made them thankful for the occasion, and Morehead City had a big do-do. It was a typical Independence Day affair that they had there, with some new frills on. A couple of battalions went up from here to participate.

The band and Company B are enjoying themselves in a lot of respects. Some of the men want to move Camp Glenn up to Parrott's grove, so they can sneak across the street to home for biscuits. They don't get biscuits here very often.

A lot of us are wondering when we will get away. There have been no orders so far as the men know. If there does happen to be a war it is possible that the department will be petitioned to save some Mexicans until we get there. Especially the recruits are anxious to shoot Mexicans.

With the overhauling the brigade is getting it should be a corking fine outfit when it does get to the border. It is an efficient, well-set up and willing brigade, and won't ask any questions about where it is going, but it

## BODY OF A GIRL IN CAR WITH SIX MEN; ILLEGAL OPERATION

Those With Corpse Arrested—Former Massachusetts Representative Was Among Them, According to Name Given by One

(By the United Press)

Salem, Mass., July 5.—Six men were arrested today when found with the body of Miss Margaret Ward, which was in the tonneau of their automobile. They are charged with being accessories to an illegal operation.

One gave the name of Ex-Representative Charles R. O'Connell of Peabody.

## ARREST IN CONNECTION FAYETTEVILLE MURDER

Fayetteville, July 4.—Arthur Austin, stepson of Sidney McQueen, well-known negro, who was murdered in his bed yesterday morning, has been arrested by Sheriff McGeachy on suspicion.

## WASHINGTON FEARS FOR TRANSPORT IN TYPHOON IN GULF

Washington, July 5.—The Navy Department today radiographed all vessels to be on the lookout for the transport Monterey, bearing refugees, when last spoken steaming into a typhoon, raging off the coast of Alabama.

It is sincerely hoped that the destination will be either El Paso or San Antonio, both of which have been frequently mentioned.

## GERMANY RUSHES TROOPS FROM VERDUN SECTOR IN DESPERATE ATTEMPT CHECK ALLIES ADVANCING IN GREAT OFFENSIVE

British and French Guns, Brought Up to New Front, Pounding to Pieces Teutons' Works Preparatory to Another Rush—Englishmen Drive Germans Back from Thiepval—French Advance to Within Three Miles of Peronne, Much-Sought Railway Center—Heavy Attacks Continue at Verdun—Germans Replying Vigorously to Artillery Fire of Allies—Germans Claim Success in East—Slavs Lost Heavily, Reported

British and French Headquarters, July 5.—German units from the Verdun front are being rushed into action in a desperate effort to stem the Allied offensive.

London, July 5.—The supreme offensive of the Allies today entered the second phase, with the British and French artillery preparing the way for another infantry rush. All the guns were moved up following the capture of German trench lines.

The Germans are replying terrifically against the British front with reserves rushed up.

Leopold Holds Off Foes.  
Berlin, July 5.—In stubborn hand-to-hand fighting the Germans under Bavarian Prince Leopold have repulsed the Russians with heavy losses near Baranovitchchi. A violent battle is raging on both sides of the Somme, where the Allies are pushing their great offensive.

British Take More Ground.  
London, July 5.—The British made further progress at important points in last night's heavy fighting between Ancre and the Somme. At Thiepval two heavy attacks were repulsed, the Germans losing greatly.

Verdun Battle Continues.  
Paris, July 5.—The German attacks at Verdun continued with greatest violence last night, despite the Allied advances along the Somme.

The French resumed their great drive in the Somme section, carrying many trenches and advancing to within three miles of Peronne. The captures straightened and strengthened the front south of the Somme, increasing the threat against Peronne.

## ARMY OFFICERS BELIEVE TROOPS ARE TO BE CALLED FROM MEXICO SOON, THOUGH WARLIKE PREPARATIONS ARE CONTINUING

Pershing Said to Favor Withdrawal Unless There Is to Be Intervention—Supplies Still Being Rushed Into Columbus—Carranza Reply Contains Statement That Continued Presence of Soldiers Embarrasses Mexico—Leaves Question of Mediation Up to This Government. United States Willing to Parley, Lansing Announces—Note Satisfactory to the State Department, Secretary Indicated Today

(By Webb C. Miller)

Columbus, N. M., July 5.—Military men believe orders will be given shortly for the withdrawal of the troops from Mexico, providing the Carranzistas make no hostile move. However, no steps have been taken here which indicate the withdrawal is near. Road repairs continue, and supplies continue pouring into the base.

Unofficial information says Pershing favors withdrawal if there is not to be intervention. Camp officials say there is now no justification for the troops remaining in Mexico.

Mexican Note Satisfactory.  
Washington, July 5.—Completely pacificatory, Carranza's reply today reached Secretary Lansing and President Wilson. It is brief. It emphasizes the significance of the immediate release of the Carranza prisoners as indicative of Carranza's sincere wish to work with the United States.

It formally announces Carranza's favorable attitude toward mediation as suggested by Latin-American countries, but leaves it to the United States to say whether this method or direct negotiations should be relied on to solve the situation. Embarrassment due to the presence of the American troops is again emphasized, but the withdrawal demand is not reiterated.

Secretary Lansing today officially announced that the United States is willing to continue the negotiations. He indicated that the answer was satisfactory.

## SUGGS WON TROPHY IN SHOOT ON THE FOURTH

George Suggs won the DuPont trophy, a silver watch fob, at the Gun Club's Fourth of July shoot. He broke 41 birds out of 50.

The following fired 50 shots in the trophy match: Suggs, A. E. Roundtree, who broke 40; L. L. Oettinger, 38; J. A. Bizzell, 33; R. E. Mewborn, 29; O. M. Rutledge, 29; N. B. Evans, 26; T. E. Stainback, 23; C. Oettinger, 22; F. I. Sutton, 22; W. E. Mewborn, 22; W. F. Hargrove, 22; J. F. Parrott, 21; Roger N. Sutton, 18; R. F. Hill, 18; Dr. R. A. Whitaker, 16; T. H. Martin, 16; I. M. Tull, 14; J. S. Nunalee, 14.

The following fired 25 shots: Geo. Suggs breaking 21; Elliott Jones, 20; D. E. Wood, 18; W. B. Douglass, 16; L. L. Oettinger, 15; J. T. Whitfield, 12; R. E. Mewborn, 10; J. D. Bizzell, 9; W. D. Hood, 9; W. E. Mewborn, 8; C. Oettinger, 8; Seth Croom, 5.

## BULLETINS

SHIP SUNK IN COLLISION.

London, July 5.—The American steamer Jacob Luckenbach sunk today following a collision in the channel. The crew was saved.

SPY TAKEN, RELEASED.

Washington, July 5.—Department of Justice today announced the capture of a Mexican spy on the border, having copies of reports on the disposition of the troops. He was released owing to a lack of proper laws to prosecute him.

## JACKIES CANNOT LAND IN CANADIAN CITIES

(By the United Press)

Fort William, Ont., July 5.—Merchants here and at Port Arthur today bumped up against a new hardship of the European war. Under military regulations, they found when navigation opened, the gay sailor lads from the U. S. A., docking here, are not allowed to land. Thus thousands of dollars formerly spent in these Canadian ports by the boys will go to Duluth and Superior.

## LUMBERMEN WILL DO MORE ADVERTISING

Asheville, July 4.—The Western Carolina Lumber and Timber Association yesterday afternoon, by a unanimous vote, decided to levy a tax of three cents on each thousand feet of lumber cut by every member, the money to be used in advertising and otherwise advancing the work of the association.

## CLERGYMEN, AUTHORS, DOCTORS, ASK WORK OF EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

San Francisco, July 5.—Clergymen, authors, doctors and consular agents are among those who apply for "any kind of work" at the State Free Employment Bureau here.

Dr. Edwin Fisher, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and former practitioner of medicine and dentistry, is on the rolls as asking for clerical employment. He got a taste of writing while translating some oriental works and does not care to go back to doctoring.

Another strange case is that of Rev. Charles L. Hyde of Niles, Cal., who wants to give up his pastorate at the First Congregational church there and go to work as a farm hand or on a poultry ranch.

G. Levy, Mexican vice-consul here when Madero was president of Mexico, now seeks a job as a clerk.

## MILLION PAID, U. S. GETS TITLE TO THE ALASKAN R'ROAD NOW

Washington, July 5.—One more big step was taken in the development by Uncle Sam of Alaska today when he paid the final \$1,000,000 for title to the Alaska Northern Railroad.

Five hundred thousand dollars of the million and a half purchase price was paid last February.

Today's payment marks the transfer of the title to the property from the original owners to the American government. From the time of the first payment until the final payment today the title has been in the hands of a trust company.