

EVERY SOLDIER TO DEFEND CHIHUAHUA FROM VILLA'S ARMY

Carranza Strips Border Places of Garrisons; Situation Critical

RELIEF IS DAYS AWAY

Big De Facto Force Hurrying to Raise Siege May Arrive Too Late—Assault Goes on Without Cessation

(By the United Press) El Paso, Texas, Nov. 27.—The attack on Chihuahua by four thousand Villistas under the personal command of Villa is still in progress, United States agents here today declared. They based their statements upon the action of the Carranza authorities in sending every available soldier in Northern Mexico to the besieged city. From Santa Buena Ventura the garrison of 150 Carranzistas is being withdrawn, together with the garrisons at Namiquipa, Casas Grandes and Guzman, numbering about 100 each. These are being rushed to Chihuahua over the Mexican North-west Railway to Juarez, where they will be transferred to the Mexican Central. General Gonzales today announced that General Maycotte, with 3,500 de facto troops is making a forced march northward from Santa Rosalia. It will take several days for him to arrive because every bridge south of Chihuahua has been burned.

RALEIGH PREPARES TO MAKE FIGHT AT THE TEACHERS' ASSEMBLY

Capital City Wants to Be the Permanent Meeting-Place — Three Others Want 1917 Convention of Tarheel Pedagogues

(Special to The Free Press) Raleigh, Nov. 27.—Raleigh's hotels are daily making reservations for teachers who will attend the 23rd session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly here November 22 to December 1, and one week in advance of the first business meeting, the guarantee of an unprecedented attendance was complete. At this session the city means to make its bid for the assembly's permanent favor, but invitations from three of the State's larger cities to make the 1917 sitting of the teachers in another town, revives the fight of Raleigh against the State and holding the teachers yet another year will be the persuasive job to be undertaken by the business organizations. The compliment is to the bearers of light who comprise the most popular convention of the score or more who visit Raleigh annually. The 1916 assembly promises the most variedly interesting program. New organizations that bring into the larger federation another section of teachers or school-workers, will be here for the first time. In the assembly proper are the associations of grammar grade teachers and principals, of county superintendents, of city superintendents, of music teachers, of high school teachers and principals, city high school teachers and principals, of school boards, and of the department of higher education.

LINES BEING DRAWN FOR FIGHT BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT

(By the United Press) Washington, Nov. 27.—The government and railroad attorneys today marshaled material for what is destined to be the greatest industrial contest in recent years, the test of the Adamson eight-hour law. Attorney General Gregory is in personal charge for the government. The Brotherhood officials from the side lines will keep close tab on the proceedings. It is up to Supreme Court Now. Washington, Nov. 25.—The question of the constitutionality of the Adamson eight-hour law is up to the United States Supreme Court with the formal filing of papers expected Monday or Tuesday. Whether the highest tribunal is willing to speed up its proverbially slow-moving judicial machinery in order to dispose of the case by January 1, remains a question, although it is believed strongly that it will be several weeks after New Year's before a decision is had.

BLACK GAMBLERS PUT UP FIGHT TO ESCAPE ARREST BY DEPUTIES

A pitched battle between officers and negro gamblers at "The Adkin" Sunday resulted in the taking of three prisoners and the wounding of about 15 shots, with the injuring of one. Col. H. E. Shaw, Solicitor of the local judicial district, looking down from his home on Liberty Hill, saw a game in progress in a hollow on the bank of "The Adkin," the stream which marks the extreme east boundary of the city. He telephoned the Sheriff's office. Deputies H. V. Allen and N. B. Evans went to the place and surprised 10 negro men and a woman, the men all occupied with a game. The blacks started a retreat, one or two firing as they ran. Mr. Jim Powers, Col. Shaw's law partner, joined the officers in the chase. The white men almost had the darkies corralled at night, but all except three managed to make their get-away. Part of the progress went into a heavy, impenetrable, and one, claiming to be shot, is believed to have received 25 injuries from briars. He went to a doctor. The officers received information which may lead to the arrest of five others from the captured men, who are John Lee Hatton, Will Porter and John Ward. A revolver was taken from Ward. The weapon had not been fired, and Ward is believed to have had no hand in the shooting.

MORE THAN A THOUSAND TELEPHONES IN KINSTON

There are now a thousand and thirty-seven telephones operated from the local exchange. The thousand mark was passed recently. Nine hundred and twenty-six of the phones are within the corporate limits. Manager Birdsall of the exchange says long-distance talking also is breaking all records. The number of tickets for out-of-town calls since the summer has been astonishing. The champion long-distance talker of the city until recently was a colored junk dealer, who called Harrisburg, Pa., and other Northern places almost as frequently as some people do the gutter down the street.

SATURDAY FOOTBALL

At New Haven, Yale 6, Harvard 3. At New York, Army 15, Navy 7. At Chapel Hill, Virginia Freshmen 19, Carolina Freshmen 7.

GINNERS REPORT

There were 10,108 bales of cotton ginned in Lenoir county from the crop of 1916 prior to November 14, as compared with 8,472 bales ginned to November 14, 1915, Special Agent Edgar L. Hardy, of the Department of Commerce reports.

FOUR INJURED, TWO JAILED AS RESULT OF CUTTING AFFRAY

Eight Pitt and Lenoir County Men in Near-Riot in South Kinston

ONE MAN SERIOUSLY HURT

Lem. Taylor in Hospital With Throat Gashed Clear Across—No Bail for Assailants of Local Party

One man is in the hospital with his throat cut, three others are carrying injuries more or less painful, two are in jail and the authorities believe they are on the track of two others wanted, as the result of a cutting affray which assumed the proportions of a small-sized riot in South Kinston late Sunday night. Following the fight Lem. Taylor and Paul Wooten were carried to the hospital, the former in a serious condition from a knife wound clear across his neck, and Wooten with a slight knife wound on his face, and an apparently serious abrasion on his head, supposed to have been made with a piece of scantling. Frank Hay and Amos Dawson were the others injured. Dawson has a knife wound 14 inches long on his back. Hay was stabbed in one side, the wound being about half an inch deep and three inches long, has a gash six or seven inches long on his breast and his chin is split open. Wooten was knocked senseless, but it was found at the hospital that his injuries were not serious enough to hold him there. In jail are Thad Braxton and Harry Jones, both of Pitt county. The Sheriff's office says Joe and Heber Braxton, brothers of Thad, Braxton, are likely to be arrested in Pitt during the day. The men will be held without pending a change in Taylor's condition. W. A. Harris, a brother-in-law of one of the Braxtons, accompanied the Pitt county men to this city in an automobile. When the trouble started he ran up town for the police. He later told the Sheriff that the party had had more than two gallons of wine, and that his companions seemed to be about intoxicated. Harris himself had his coat ripped almost in two. Sheriff Taylor, policemen and physicians hurried to the place on South street, where the affray occurred. Taylor, Wooten and Hay are Kinston men, while Dawson is a resident of Lenoir county. The story they told the Sheriff was that they saw the Pitt men on the street, and that as they passed them "one word" was passed by someone on one side or the other. The cutting, they said, started in "the twinkling of an eye" and was over almost as quickly. The Braxtons and Jones fled after the cutting. Two were arrested in South Kinston, while Jones and Thad Braxton are believed to have walked to Ayden, near which place they live. None of the men out is believed to have been armed. Harris told the Sheriff that the Braxtons and Jones had been quarreling among themselves in a house in the neighborhood before the attack on the local men. Jones and Joe Braxton are believed to have been responsible for the injuries of Taylor and Wooten.

COTTON

Around 75 bales of cotton had been sold here by 3 o'clock Monday, buyers estimated. The high price was 20 cents. New York futures quotations were: Open Close January .. 20.99 20.81 March .. 21.14 20.95 May .. 21.30 21.14 July .. 21.45 21.18

CRAZED MAN HELD AT BAY AFTER SHOOTING 4

(By the United Press) Philadelphia, Nov. 22.—The police are trying to identify a man who, crazed by a stab wound in his back, shot four persons last night, and held a crowd of a thousand people at bay and escaped several hundred shot fired at him before he was captured.

VERMONT DEMOCRATS DID THEIR LITTLE PART FOR PRESIDENT

New York, Nov. 25.—Wilbur W. Marsh, treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, made public here tonight the official statement of campaign contributions and disbursements which will be filed in Albany tomorrow in compliance with the law of New York State. Mr. Marsh announced that there is still a deficit of more than \$300,000. The statement, largely a duplicate of the one filed in Washington, gives the total amount contributed to the Democratic fund as \$1,584,548, of which \$465,558 was received in amounts of less than \$100. In the number of contributors, Texas led with \$14,022, with an average of \$4 per person. Every town in Vermont with over 500 population sent a contribution, the total from that State being approximately \$14,000. Referring to Vermont's showing, Mr. Marsh said: "If the same rate had been maintained throughout the country a campaign fund of more than \$14,000,000 could have been raised by subscription."

DON'T PINCH, TICKLE AND COAX 'EM, A NEW DICTUM OF THE POLICE

"Superfluous arrests" don't look good to J. Felix Skinner, chief of police. He is discouraging "pinching." To an uniformed person this seems unpolice-like, but Chief Skinner's idea is exactly in line with the policy adopted long ago by many of the department heads in the big cities. "Tell 'em not to do these things; give them a chance," is his motto. The number of arrests made over a month in this little city looks big. It would indicate that the police are on their jobs; but it does not necessarily indicate that they are on their jobs in the right way all the time. In recent years the local police force has improved rapidly. It is now a splendid outfit for a place like Kinston. The men are invariably intelligent, willing, neatly uniformed and courteous. Skinner believes the "respectable outfit" should become "educators." Desk Sergeant Fesene, who used to be a newspaperman would go him one further and have a course on municipal government taught in the public schools, have the cops make friends with the kids on the streets and teach them what little they can about the business of aviation in preparation for the Great Ultimate. "Some rural visitors regard the police as friends especially employed to collar and cuff and lock them up," is one officer's belief. "We are going to get that idea out of their heads." Every publication of consequence dealing with modern police methods comes to the local station, and many good things from them are being stored up to be put into practice.

SEVEN LOST LIVES IN BURNING HOME

Cape May, Nov. 26.—Lewis Wilson, his wife, mother-in-law, and four children were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the Wilson home in West Cape May early today. The family was asleep when the fire broke out, and neighbors found it impossible to save any of them. It is believed the fire originated in a defective flue.

GREECE ABOUT LOSS OF FOURTH CABINET IN THAT MANY MONTHS

(Continued from Page Two) Rome, Nov. 27.—Athens dispatches declare the resignation of the Greek cabinet is imminent. Greek dispatches have several times indicated impending dissolution of the Lambros cabinet, formed October 10. A report was had on Saturday that the Minister of Justice had resigned. This is the fourth ministry formed in Greece in four months.

CARRANZAS HIT VILLA'S AUTOMOBILE

Chihuahua City, Nov. 25.—Via Conrierto Marfa, Nov. 26.—Francisco Villa's automobile, which was being used by him to direct his campaign against the Carranza troops, was struck by shell fire today and was abandoned near Fresno, southwest of the city. The shell holes and bullet marks were plainly seen on the sides of the big automobile when it was found on the battlefield after Villa abandoned it and rode away on horseback.

BIG LUMBER PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE

Wilmington, Nov. 26.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the plant of the Waccamaw Lumber Company, at Bolton, twenty miles south of Wilmington, entailing an estimated loss of \$200,000, insured, early this morning.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press) TRAGIC DEATH THEATRICAL MAN. New York, Joseph Brooks the noted theatrical man, either jumped or fell from the eighth story of an apartment here today and was instantly killed. U. C. V. INVITE PRESIDENT. Washington, Nov. 22.—President Wilson was today invited to attend the annual encampment of the United Confederate Veterans in Washington in May. It will be the first time the encampment has been held north of the Mason and Dixon line. GERMANS TAKE A TOWN. Berlin, Nov. 22.—Alexander has been captured from the Roumanians in Wallachia, says an official German statement. The German advance down both sides of the Alt river valley threw the enemy behind the Popoloug sector.

WILMINGTON WOMAN HAVE CHARGE SCHL INSPECTION SERVICE

Miss Fannie G. Stotler of Wilmington will report here December 1 to take charge of the medical inspection work in the City Schools, was information given out by Superintendent K. R. Curtis Saturday. Miss Stotler is now in Durham, taking a school inspection work. She is reputed to be a well-qualified person for the work.

SOLDIERS' HEALTH GOOD.

It having been reported that a Kinston soldier on the border, a member of the headquarters company of the Second North Carolina infantry, was seriously ill and had been transferred from El Paso to Hot Springs, Ark., The Free Press wrote its soldier correspondent at Ft. Bliss for a statement as to the man's condition. It follows: "..... is about to die—from overeating. His hot springs will come later, when he will be kept constantly on the spring from the heat, I imagine. Whoever said he was sick, though, went to the

ROUMANIA CHOSE TO PLAY WITH FIRE, IS GETTING BURNED

Von Falkenhayn's Aviators Tell Him of Suffering of Refugees

LONDON IS STILL HOPEFUL

That Wallachian Armies May Escape From Trap German Commander Has Laid for Them—Not a Big Capture Reported

Subscribe to The Free Press. London, Nov. 27.—News from German sources caused renewed hope here today that Roumania may escape herself from the precarious position in which her Wallachian forces have been placed by General Von Falkenhayn's exceedingly brilliant strategical campaign. The prime basis for such hope is the utter lack in all of the German official reports of any claims of large captures of prisoners or materials. If the Roumanian army is that actually trapped by the encircling movement around Orsova, it is regarded as certain that German reports would have chortled the big captures by now. Von Falkenhayn's Ackerman. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Headquarters of General Von Falkenhayn, Transylvania Alps, Nov. 27.—"Our task is to destroy the Roumanian army, and that we are doing as best we can." So spoke General Von Falkenhayn today. His brows were wrinkled but his eyes sparkling as he submitted to questions concerning his victorious progress against Roumania. "Our flyers," he continued, "report Roumanian roads blocked with people and wagons; fleeing from little Wallachia toward the Alt river. This is the terrible part of the war, that soldiers should suffer in war, but that women and little children should be put to such misery, that is terrible. But it was Roumania's choice. Roumania played with fire too long. Now she is getting burned. Bucharest Admits Retreat. Bucharest, Nov. 27.—Retreat from the Alt, and also from Topolosa slightly eastward, of the Roumanian armies is officially reported. Nature Aids Defense. Petrograd, Nov. 27.—The retiring Roumanian army in Western Wallachia is taking advantage of all natural obstacles to resist Von Falkenhayn. It is said officially. Having crossed the Danube near Simnitsa, the Teutons have placed observation posts on the river Vede, occupying positions between Valent and Russwade. Not Much Fighting in West. Berlin, Nov. 27.—A French attempt to force an entrance in the southern part of the St. Pierre-Vaast wood, without artillery preparation, was repulsed by German machine gun fire, it is said officially. Minor fighting only is in progress along the Somme. East of St. Mihiel, a French raid against a German post failed. Rains in West. London, Nov. 25.—Heavy rains have impeded operations in the Somme region, General Haig reports. Berlin Statement. Berlin, Nov. 25.—The successful crossing of the Danube and recovering of a foothold on Roumanian soil near Racoivitz is officially reported. Petrograd Gives Bad News. Petrograd, Nov. 25.—Admission that the Teutons have crossed the Danube near Simnitsa and that the Roumanians have been pushed back in the Alt valley is made at the war office.



Zobuln, Nov. 24.—There came near being an electrocution here when James Smith, colored, was made the victim of some practical jokers. He was given in either hand an end of a piece of wire. The middle point of the wire was inserted into a socket for which the lamp globe had been removed and the current switched on. When the resultant commotion was over Smith was found lying under an oil tank and it took the services of a doctor to revive him.



FANNIE WARD in "The Cheat," a Paramount Picture described by Jesse L. Lasky as the best thing his company has yet done.