

IF VILLA CAPTURES CHIHUAHUA A REVOLT WILL BREAK OUT THROUGHOUT NORTHERN PART MEXICO, STATE DEPT'M'T BELIEVES

Will Be No Attempt to Bring Militia Away From Border Until Situation Clarifies—Should Constitutionalists Retain City and Crush Pancho, Pershing Will Be Called Back and Guardsmen Returned to Homes—Had Been Intended to Muster Out Several Regiments This Week—Feared That Worst Has Happened—No News Can Be Secured From Besieged Northern Capital. El Paso reports

(By the United Press)

El Paso, Nov. 28.—Villa is in possession of Chihuahua City, and General Trevino is fleeing southward, trying to join reinforcements, reports received by United States authorities and forwarded to Washington say.

Washington, Nov. 28.—The situation at Chihuahua City, where Carranzistas and Villistas are battling, is considered such that it will probably halt the plans for returning militiamen home, it is learned at the War Department. It had been expected to send several regiments home this week. Officials prefer to wait the outcome of the battle before returning the guardsmen. If Villa possesses Chihuahua City "real trouble will start," it is said, throughout Northern Mexico. If Villa is really crushed, Pershing will be withdrawn in forty days and the militia relieved.

Fear Villa Has Taken City.

El Paso, Nov. 28.—Because of lack of news of the siege and battle of Chihuahua City, the authorities fear the "capital of the north" may have fallen to Villa. Unless Carranza General Trevino is fleeing the city is still besieged.

NO USE; TAIN'T NO USE A-TALL, HIS OPINION

To Expect Johnny to Come Marching Back Before Christmas Is Gone—Frederick Funston Isn't a Santa Claus as Well as Being No Missionary

The following letter to The Free Press is from Guy C. Langston, a Kinston musician with eating equivalent to corporal in the headquarters company of the Second North Carolina infantry, stationed at El Paso, Texas:

"Although we, the boys from good old North Carolina, are in hope of being back in the State before the holidays are over, no definite date has yet been set for our return. Major General Fred. Funston recently made a statement to the effect that the same urgent reason for bringing the boys to the border still exists, and that none of them could expect to be sent home soon. The fact that all the troops have been or are being supplied completely with winter clothing and other stores and that winter quarters are being erected leads us to think we may be here for some time yet.

"Military experts declare the regulations and guardsmen here, now about as much alike in every detail, including efficiency, as peas in the same pod, constitute the healthiest and best equipped force ever sent out by the War Department. Best of all is that these men know how to take care of themselves in the field. A striking sight the other day was the hike of the entire Seventh division, 20,000 or 25,000 strong, over a distance of eight or ten miles, the march ending in a sham battle. Our Pennsylvania brothers-in-arms outnumber us five to one, but we outmarch them at every whiff and outmaneuver them in the sham battles. They say we beat all they ever saw."

Musical Langston encloses a poem a verse of which is given herewith: "The good old Star Spangled Banner is good enough for me. I love to see her waving Over the land and sea. She stands for all that's noble, She stands for liberty; Wherever she is planted Every mother's son is free."

London, Nov. 28.—Eight thousand feet above the North Sea, British hydro-aeroplanes today sent a zeppelin flaming into the sea. Earlier, aircraft guns co-operating with aeroplanes sent another blazing airship into the sea. Both zeppelins were pursued by aeroplanes. Thousands witnessed their destruction.

(By the United Press)

London, Nov. 28.—Two German zeppelins of a fleet raiding English eastern counties were destroyed, it is officially said. One was downed on the Durham coast, the other off Norfolk, Admiral French, the home commander, stated. Both were headed seaward. The casualties and damage by the zeppelins were slight, it is reported.

This was the 27th raid on the eastern counties this year.

WINSTON-SALEM GIVES M'CORMICK LOVING CUP

New York, Nov. 27.—An eighteen-inch silver loving cup was presented today at National Headquarters to Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, on behalf of the citizens of Winston-Salem, N. C. State Senator James A. Gray, Jr., of Winston-Salem, made the presentation of the cup.

AROUND FIFTH OF A MILLION POUNDS TOBACCO TUESDAY

Indications early in the afternoon pointed to one of the largest sales of the month on the tobacco market Tuesday. Warehouse estimates gave the total of weed on the floors at more than 200,000, and it is probable that they were but little if any too high.

Prices were just about the same as on Monday of last week. They ruled high.

With only one sales day left in the week, Thursday and Friday being holidays, big breaks are expected on Wednesday.

PLAIN SPEECH FROM AMERICA ON BELG'N DEPORTATIONS SOON

Gerard Will Carry Protest When He Returns to the German Capital

CONFERES WITH PRESIDENT

The Ambassador Also Talks With Lansing and Col. House—More Negotiations on Submarine Issue, Also

By ROBERT J. BENDER, United Press Staff Correspondent

Washington, Nov. 28.—Ambassador Gerard will carry a vigorous protest against the deportation of Belgians to Germany when he leaves for Berlin December 5. An outline of this government's position will be given Mr. Gerard by the President. Several replies to former protests have been received. These were unsatisfactory.

Gerard is expected to see the President this afternoon to get instructions, including an outline of the government's attitude on the submarine-warring question, again unbridled with the revival of submarine warfare.

Colonel House, the President's adviser, is conferring with Gerard, Secretary Lansing and the President.

ITEMS OF INTEREST CONCERNING RURAL SCHOOLS OF COUNTY

Group Meetings.

Group teachers' meetings will be held in the county at the following group center schools on the dates given below:

- Group No. 1, Grangers, Tuesday, December 5; Group No. 2, Atry Grove, Wednesday, December 6; Group No. 3, Farm Valley, Thursday, December 7; Group No. 4, Moss Hill, Friday, December 8; Group No. 6, Woodington, Monday, December 11; Group No. 5, Pink Hill, Tuesday, December 12; Group No. 7, Goshoma, Wednesday, December 13; Group No. 8, Institute, Thursday, December 14.

The program of work for the day will begin at 9:15 o'clock and close at 4:00 o'clock. All school committees of the various schools in each group are invited to attend the meetings and to attend the afternoon session especially to hear the reports of progress from the different schools.

Honor Roll.

Oak Grove School—Thelma Hill, Aa-on Hill, Emma Smith, Cora Davenport, Ralph Long. McGowan School—Doulah Stroud, Clara Stroud, Etta Johnson, Zuliene Johnson, Ruby Johnson, Lois Rouse, Speight Stroud, Wilbur Stroud.

Oak Dale Improves.

The Thanksgiving party given at Oak Dale on Friday night, November 24, was a great success. The amusements for the entertainment of the crowd were many and very much enjoyed. Sixty dollars was raised and will be used for school improvement—buying single patent desks and painting interior of school building.

Honor Roll for Sand Hill for the First Month.

Doris Daughety, Rowena Daughety, Ernest Daughety, Tom Haskins, Thelma Rhem, Thelma Sutton, Herman Sutton, Susie Mae Smith, Ralph Tyndall, Bertie West, Laura West, Mitie West, Mina West, Susie West, George Rhem, Sam Tyndall, Sophie Sutton, Margaret Daughety, Bertha Watson, Robert Cousin, Lucile Cousin, Lucy Tyndall, Luby Tyndall, Hubert Watson, James Watson, Willie West, Joe Rhem. Teachers—Miss Christiana West, Vivian Scarborough and Elvina Sutton.

BRITT TAKES HIS CASE ON TO SUPREME COURT

Asheville, Nov. 27.—Had the proposal been dropped in the Buncombe county court house at noon today the bill would have been plainly heard. A great was the interest in the decision of Judge W. J. Adams in the case of James J. Britt versus the Buncombe County Board of Canvassers, which Judge Adams dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. Although dismissing the alternative writ of Canvassers Judge Adams will consider a motion of an injunction against the Secretary of State and the State Board of Canvassers, enjoining them to refrain from the election of the 1916. Mr. Britt and his attorneys have appealed to the Supreme Court of the State.

WESTERN METHODISTS TO ASHEVILLE NEXT

Gastonia, N. C., Nov. 27.—The twenty-seventh annual session of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference adjourned at 10 o'clock tonight with the reading of the appointment as the last business transaction. Quite a good many changes were made, this being necessitated by the fact that a large number of the preachers had served out their four years.

Asheville was chosen as the next meeting place.

HUGHES GOES BACK TO PRACTICE OF LAW

Lakewood, N. J., Nov. 27.—Charles E. Hughes announced here tonight that on January 1 he would resume the practice of law as a member of the New York City law firm of Rounds, Schurman and Dwight, 96 Broadway. His son, Charles E. Hughes, Jr., will also enter the firm it was stated.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT THIS BUSINESS THURSDAY?

The Widows and Orphans of North Carolina Need Assistance—A Condition That Should Touch the Generous Impulse

The following is from the committee in charge of the Thanksgiving offering movement for the orphans of North Carolina. The cause is one near to the hearts of all, and the season is propitious. The committee says:

The simple fact that there is no one word in the English language that will cause newspaper readers to hesitate long enough to consider a subject in which they are not particularly interested, is the sole reason why there are in North Carolina today thousands of destitute orphan children who cannot be admitted into our orphanages because there is no room for them. Unquestionably, the misfortune of our people could be brought to understand this situation, there would be such an increase in the gifts for this purpose that not one of the little ones would be long unprovided for.

It matters not how or why these children have come to the point of want of food, sufficient clothing, or sufficient care, starting out on life's journey under a handicap that is unfair to them, at the least. For the continued existence of this condition, brethren, we are about to take the responsibility. What are we going to do about it? Men and women of North Carolina (with or without children of your own), will you be willing to sit down to your Thanksgiving dinner this year, unmoved, with the consciousness that there are thousands—thousands—of helpless orphans in our good State who have not the necessities of life; thousands of needy, neglected children asking to be received into institutions whose appeal the authorities are forced to deny because of limited housing facilities; of insufficient food to sustain them; of insufficient raiment to clothe them; and that you have done nothing to help correct it? Can you realize that such a condition is actually existing among the people of North Carolina at the present time? Is it not enough to touch the generous impulse—to move the sympathies more quickly than any other one thing?

The income of a day from the two hundred and fifty thousand adult males in the State, to say nothing of the women and children, would easily provide homes for all needy and dependent widows and orphans. But all are asked to lend a helping hand during the Thanksgiving festivities of 1916. Bear in mind that contributions may be forwarded through your church, your lodge, or individually. Either of the following named orphanages, and others, will appreciate your generous assistance:

- Thomasville Baptist Orphanage; M. L. Kesler, Superintendent, Thomasville.
- Presbyterians Orphan's Home; W. T. Walker, Superintendent, Barium Springs.
- Methodist Orphanage; A. S. Barnes, Superintendent, Raleigh.
- Nazareth Orphan Home; J. W. Bell, Superintendent, Crescent.
- Christian Orphanage; C. D. Johnston, Superintendent, Elon College.
- Methodist Protestant Children's Home; H. A. Garrett, Superintendent, High Point.
- The Children's Home; Walter Thompson, Superintendent, Winston-Salem.
- Thompson Orphanage; W. J. Smith, Superintendent, Charlotte.
- Children's Home Society; L. P. Putnam, Superintendent, Greensboro.
- 'Odd Fellows' Home; Chas. O. Baird, Superintendent, Goldsboro.
- Oxford Orphan Asylum; R. L. Brown, Superintendent, Oxford.
- The Pythian Orphanage; C. W. Pender, Superintendent, Clayton.
- Elida Orphanage; L. B. Compton, Superintendent, Asheville.

AMERICAN BANKERS GET WARNING FROM THE RESERVE BOARD

Against "Locking Up" of Funds in Long Time Foreign Obligations—No Reflection On Anyone But Plain Advice

(By the United Press) Washington, Nov. 28.—That the Federal Reserve Board's notice of warning against undue loan expansion secured by foreign treasury bills is possibly the first step in this government's retaliation against the British blacklist is suggested. The statement is understood to have had the approval of the President. The board's statement said it is the duty of the banks to keep money "liquid."

Hint to Morgan & Co.

Washington, Nov. 27.—American bankers were warned by the Federal Reserve Board today to avoid locking up their funds by purchasing treasury bills of foreign governments involving long term obligations.

While specifically disclaiming "any intention of reflecting upon the financial stability of any nation," the board advises all investors to proceed with caution and formally announce to member banks of the Federal Reserve system that with the liquid funds which should be available to American merchants, manufacturers and farmers in danger of being absorbed for other purposes, it "does not regard it in the interest of the country at this time that they invest in foreign treasury bills of this character."

The statement is regarded in official circles as one of the most important declarations by the board since its creation. Officials would not discuss the question for publication, but some of them informally interpreted the warning as the Reserve Board's answer to the recent proposal of J. P. Morgan & Company, British fiscal agents in this country, to have American bankers accept British Treasury bills of an indefinite total issue, secured by gold reserves held in Ottawa. Such loans would be for ninety days, with the privilege of renewal for five other 90-day periods.

COTTON

Seventy-five or 80 bales of cotton had been sold on the local exchange by 3 o'clock Tuesday. Prices ranged from 19 1/2 to 20.20.

New York futures quotations were:

	Open	Close
January	20.70	20.32
March	20.93	20.54
May	21.12	20.76
July	21.13	20.78
October	18.85	18.70
December	20.60	20.70

EGG BOYCOTT TO BRING PRICES DOWN NEW YORK

New York, Nov. 27.—Steps for a State-wide egg boycott with the weight of official sanction from mayors of cities throughout New York to give it force were taken today. It was announced here by Joseph Hartigan, commissioner of weights and measures, and secretary of Mayor Mitchell's committee on food supply.

APPEAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION FOODS

(By the United Press) New York, Nov. 28.—An appeal to the government for the regulation of food was forwarded to the President today by the National Housewives' League, representing 2,000,000 women.

Superintendent, Asheville. Respectfully, M. L. SHIPMAN, JAMES R. YOUNG, HIGHT C. MOORE, Publicity Committee.

ROUMANIAN RETREAT IS ORDERLY, BASIS FOR ALLIED HOPES

Thought Armies May Hold Together Until They Can Get New Positions

VICTORY NEAR MONASTIR

French and Serbs Take Hill From German-Bulgars—London Doesn't Minimize Danger Threatening Bucharest

(By the United Press)

London, Nov. 28.—The orderly retreat of the Roumanian army continues. This is the only satisfactory part of the Roumanian situation. No attempt is made to minimize the effectiveness of the German drive and the abandonment of the Alt river line, forced by the turning of the left flank by the Teutonic forces. It is expected that the Roumanian army will retreat to the river Argechu, there consolidating their forces and preparing for a stand.

Small Losses for Allies in West.

London, Nov. 28.—Heavy continuous shelling of British positions north of Ypres has resulted in small losses for the Allies, it is said officially. Southeast of Souchez the British have exploded a mine and consolidated positions in the shell crater. They repulsed hand-grenade counter attacks by the enemy.

Hill Taken in Serbia.

Paris, Nov. 28.—French, Roumanian and Serbs have captured hill 1060, northeast of Monastir, despite a violent defense by the Germans and Bulgarians, it is said officially. Four counter attacks were repulsed with heavy losses.

DON'T WANT TO RISK ALL AT GOLDSBORO

Too Much at Stake for Local High School Football Team to Risk Match There—Neat Little "Misunderstanding"—State Authorities Appealed To

The football controversy between Goldsboro and Kinston high schools, which has aroused comparatively little interest here outside of school circles, promises to be marked by real naughtiness of a more violent kind than the tap-on-the-arm, "There, now!" order before the locals cry "Down."

The issue is like this: The Kinston Highs probably are champions of the State. They have this season defeated—walked upon and literally scoured the earth with—the Raleigh Highs, State champs for the three seasons before this. They have played two games with Goldsboro, winning one and losing one. One game has been played here and one in Goldsboro. They were supposed to play the last game of three last week. Goldsboro now claims the game by forfeiture, and is reported to have the authority of some State authority for the claim. The locals, claiming that this authority is only second-rate fry, have the matter up before the boss of all the sporting functionaries and are eagerly awaiting his decision. They contend that they were willing and anxious to play Goldsboro on neutral ground, but never a game on which so much depends at Goldsboro.

One man connected with the Kinston team Tuesday morning said: "They claim they can beat any team in the world in Goldsboro. We admit it."

SOON WILL MAKE TOWNS GET FARM LOAN BANKS

(By the United Press) Washington, Nov. 28.—The location of the Federal farm loan banks will be announced in twenty days, says a statement from the Farm Loan Administration.

ONE MAN DOES LOT OF CHARITY WORK IN A DAY'S TIME

This was the program of Capt. M. Vendeville of the local Salvation Army post and United Charities last Friday: At 7 a. m., breakfast; 8, two charity cases; 9, visitation and investigation trip; 1:30, visitations; 6, two charity cases; 7 until 9, collection duty at theatre.

From 9 till 1, 14 families were visited. In these homes there were 32 children, five of whom had malaria and one typhoid. Several of the parents were sick from pneumonia, cancer and paralysis. Three grocery orders were given for families consisting of nine persons; four children, mother and grandmother, and an old couple. Between 1:30 and 5 there were a number of families visited. At each house the Bible was read and prayers offered.

During the day new underwear amounting to 21 suits, actual cost \$15, was given out, together with coat suits, skirts, shoes, men's coats, hats and pants, about 50 pieces of children's clothing and \$2.25 worth of medicine. All the clothing had been collected by Capt. Vendeville except the underwear, donated by Barrett & Hartsfield. The cost for the day was \$10; the value of the work, donations, etc., at least \$40.

The assistance of the public is needed. Anything in the line of shoes, clothing, groceries and vegetables will be gladly accepted. "The poor we must help." Capt. Vendeville will be very busy from now until Christmas.

WANTS TO FLY OVER POLE IN AIRCRAFT

New York, Nov. 27.—To soar over the North Pole in a hydro-plane is the ambition of Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer who a few years ago attained the South Pole. Captain Amundsen arrived here today from Copenhagen to purchase two hydro-aeroplanes for that purpose.

PRESIDENT CHANGES CABINET MEETING HOUR

Washington, Nov. 28.—The President smashed another precedent today by changing the cabinet meeting hour from 11 to 2:30.