

## Villa Holds Possession of all State of Chihuahua; Americans Reported to Have Been Slain

### Capitulation Monday Afternoon --- Six Americans There Reported to Have Been Slain With French, German and Chinese Subjects—French and British Consuls Stick to Their Posts—Carranza Army Cut to Pieces and Flying in Disorder in Two Directions—Tense Feeling at El Paso, Where 50,000 Troops are Held in One Army That May See Service Over Border if Carranzistas' Bad Luck Continues.

El Paso, Nov. 29.—The state of Chihuahua is dominated by Villa. Mexican officials announced today that Chihuahua City, the key to Mexico fall on Monday. The Carranza defenders were cut to ribbons, divided and routed both south and north of the city. Villa is in possession of the city.

Gravest anxiety is felt for the safety of six Americans in Chihuahua City. It is reported that Villa slaughtered the foreigners, but other reports say foreigners were sent borderward.

Secretary Lansing's agents today demanded news of the Americans from the Carranzistas at Juarez, across the Rio Grande. It is reported that Villa entered the city at 5 in the afternoon of the fifth day of siege and occupied it after brief hand to hand fighting. In addition to the Americans a number of Germans, French, and Chinese were at Chihuahua City. At the last account, the British Consul, Capt. Scobell, and the French Consul were still there.

El Paso, Nov. 29.—It is believed that Carranza General Ozuna with 100 cavalrymen fled norward. A relief column is starting northward to relieve the fleeing garrison, reduced to half by desertions. Commander Trevino and 700 men escaped southward.

### VILLA AGAIN DISPLAYS MILITARY GENIUS

Ciudad Juarez, Mex., Nov. 29.—Another instance of the uncanny military genius and trickery of Villa that has gained him the name "the fox of the Sierras" is being told here today by refugees from the south.

On the night of his first attack upon Chihuahua he utilized a bold trick to enable his men to enter the city undetected. Learning through spies that thousands of reinforcements had arrived from Monterrey and had been put upon guard duty, he evolved this stratagem. When he arrived in the outskirts he sent forward small details of his own men with instructions to relieve the Carranzistas on outpost duty. They marched up, gave the password and an officer informed the guard he had been detailed to relieve them. Deputed into the belief the newcomers were members of the garrison, the outposts marched away, leaving Villa's own men to "guard" the town.

It was Villa who first put into practice the idea of driving their herds of cattle over ground believed to be planted with mines. Since then it has been picked up by commanders in the European war. He also used herds of cattle as living barricades when attacking entrenched positions. His men would drive hundreds of cattle up before the trenches using them as cover.

### SPECIAL SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES OF KINSTON ON MORNING AND EVENING OF THANKSGIVING DAY

The following services are among those to be held in the churches of the city Thanksgiving day:

**Atkinson Memorial Presbyterian.**—There will be no prayer service in this church Wednesday night. A Thanksgiving service will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. G. B. Hanrahan, will preach the sermon. Familiar hymns suitable for the occasion will be sung. The offering will be sent to the Orphan's home at Barium Springs, this State. "Come and spend an hour with us," is the pastor's invitation.

**First Baptist.**—Special Thanksgiving service at 7:30 p. m. The subject of the sermon by the pastor, Rev. W. Marshall Craig, will be "The Beauty of Gratitude." The offering will be sent to the Thomasville Baptist orphanage. A very hearty invitation is extended to all to worship in this church. "Let us make this indeed a loyal Thanksgiving service," the pas-

### HAVE TO DECIPHER WATSON'S LANGUAGE

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 28.—The government rested its case late today in the trial of Thomas E. Watson, of Thomson, Ga., after the session had developed into what Presiding Judge W. W. Lambdin termed a "school in Latin." Watson is being tried in the Federal District court on charges of having sent obscene matter through the mail, portions of which were in the ancient tongue. The latter part of the morning and all the afternoon was devoted to its translation by a team of professors and students under the examination of them by counsel for the defense.

### CHAMP CLARK ON THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

Washington, Nov. 29.—If the high cost of living bothers you, don't wait for governmental remedies, but try some laying hens and eat more poultry products and rice, says Speaker Clark. Not that he does not think the government can help bring down the price of food stuffs by legislative or other action but he pins greater faith in more direct methods.

### Departments With Congressmen Hope Cut Cost of Living

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 29.—The Agriculture, Commerce and Postoffice departments and many congressmen are leagued together in an effort to check the high cost of living. The efforts are resulting in appeals for public hearings, dictatorialship and government price control, all among remedies suggested in messages received by the President and cabinet members.

New York, Nov. 29.—Boycotts in New York, Boston, Pittsburgh and other cities are dropping eggs and Turkey prices. Pittsburgh dealers do not offer live turkeys for 33 cents a pound as the fowls arrived.

### COSTUME BALL AT THE MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

New York, Nov. 28.—America's greatest single effort on behalf of relief organizations of the Entente Allies will be staged tonight when the Ten Allies costume ball will be given in Madison Square Garden.

Ten boxes will be decorated to represent each of the ten nations of the Allies. In each will be prominent persons of those nations. At a given hour the hall will be darkened and a spotlight turned on the French box from which Madame Chenal will sing "The Chorus of the Chorus of the 'Marseillaise.'" Next will come "God save the King" then the Russian, the Italian and the rest. Finally the light will be directed at a box draped in the Stars and Stripes and "The Star Spangled Banner" will be sung. All of the national soloists and a chorus of 2,000 will join the chorus of the American anthem.

### BRIEFS IN THE NEWS NEIGHBORING TOWNS

New Bern cotton dealers have purchased about 13,000 bales this year, estimated.

A Washington hardware concern is buying goods in the Northern part of South America.

Hull of two steamers for the new route between Baltimore and New Bern have been purchased and the supercargo will be put on immediately. Twenty thousand dollars in old time was collected at Washington to be used as "pay week."

New Bern farmers are planning to increase their tobacco acreage next year.

Job seekers will vote on a county bond proposition Tuesday. The chances for the issue are said to be very good.

A million safe in the grocery of J. L. Starkey at Greenville baffled thieves who are supposed to have carried off considerable loot other than money. The combination was badly battered but failed to respond to the amateur cracksmen's efforts.

H. H. Proctor of Chisolm township, Pitt county, killed three hogs that weighed a total of 1,510 pounds.

### BANDITS SECURE BIG LOOT FROM KANSAS BANK

(By the United Press)  
Hazelton, Kas., Nov. 29.—Four masked bandits today dynamited the safe of the Hazelton state bank and escaped with \$12,000, after having bound and gagged two male telephone operators in the local exchange, kidnapped them and escaped in an automobile.

### President Won In California With a Fair Surplus Vote

(By the United Press)  
Sacramento, Nov. 29.—The President's plurality in California was 3,773, according to the final official count.

### Roumanians Still Have Chance Beat Germanic Invaders

#### If Able to Check Von Mackenzen Defenders May Be Able to Turn Apparent Defeat Into Victory, Thought.

London, Nov. 29.—The progress of the Allies West and North of Monastir is officially reported. The Serbians on the Danube river furnishes the crux for the Roumanian situation. If they are stopped, the Roumanians with the aid of the Russians can possibly turn their retreat into a victory.

**Russian Successes.**  
Petrograd, Nov. 29.—Ridges and Heights Eastwards and Southwards of Rililaba, Southeastern Bukovina, have been captured by the Russians. It is officially announced.

**Continued Progress in Serbia.**  
Paris, Nov. 29.—Continued progress

### Kaiser Not to Be Present at Franz Joseph's Funeral

#### Physicians Advise Him to Leave Vienna When He Develops Severe Cold—Mass Held at Washington.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Some of the Kaiser's physicians have advised him to leave Vienna.

Amsterdam, Nov. 29.—A severe cold will prevent the Kaiser from attending the funeral of Emperor Franz Joseph tomorrow. He arrived in Vienna yesterday, but left in the evening by physician's advice. He viewed the remains and placed a wreath on the bier. The Kaiser conferred with the new Emperor and Empress.

### Overton Sentenced To Die For Murder Of Wm. T. Lawler

Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 28.—After being out 47 hours a jury in the circuit court here today found David P. Overton, former clerk of the county court guilty of the murder of William T. Lawler, June 11, and recommended the death penalty.

Judge Miller immediately sentenced the defendant to be hanged on January 12, but suspended the sentence when a motion was made for a new trial. The date for granting the motion has not been fixed.

Overton received the verdict with apparent calm and when asked if he had anything to say replied with deliberation: "Nothing, Judge, except that I am not guilty."



MACLYN ARSBUCKLE As "The Reform Candidate" in the Palace Paramount Picture based on his own playlet.

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### KILL ALL WINTER FLIES WHILE THE KILLING IS GOOD

"Don't let your home become a winter haven for flies," says the State Board of Health. "Even the clean home, when the weather turns cold, becomes attractive to flies and only the greatest vigilance will keep them out. But when flies do get into the home at the coming of cold weather, don't let them go to the ceiling and stay there. And don't think that the first freeze will kill them out. Flies are not dead when they lie around stiff with cold. The next warm spell or next spring will show you they were 'possuming.'"

"In case of a freeze, however, every fly in the house should be swept down and burned. They should be sought out and brought from under cover in every room in the house, from the cellar to the garret. Scientists tell us that the flies that were hatched late and that have not completed their life cycle are they which live in an even temperature through the winter and become the progenitors of our countless millions next summer. Consequently now is the time to fight next summer's flies.

"This is the time," says the Board, "when swatting flies will be readily effective. But if there are many too many to swat, trap or poison them. Use fly paper, and every other means in order that not one may be carried over from one season to the next.

### Ask Allow Docking Facilities For S. S. Line at New Bern

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 29.—The Chambers of Commerce of Goldsboro, Kinston and Fayetteville, N. C., cooperating with the Baltimore and Carolina Steamship Company have asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to permit the company to establish docking facilities at New Bern and Wilmington, N. C., furnishing a discount price. Pittsburgh dealers to North Carolina cities from Baltimore.

### Fair Officials Give Reports of Good Stewardship

#### Stockholders Highly Pleased With Showing of Second Exhibit Year—Nice Surplus Insures Needed Improvements for 1917.

### GREENVILLE PAPER IN HANDS OF RECEIVER

Greenville, Nov. 28.—The Reflector Company, publishing the Daily Reflector, a weekly paper and also doing job work, has been placed in the hands of a receiver, L. G. Cooper, a lawyer, having been appointed temporary receiver. It was a stock company and some creditors wanting to collect led to the receivership. It is the only paper here and will continue to be published until sold or reorganized and obligations liquidated.

### TEACH SOME GRADES IN SCHOOLS FRIDAY

The rooms of the following teachers in the City Schools will be closed Friday as well as Thursday: Misses Shaw, Mackenzie, Mewborn, Chapman, Scarboro, Street, Turnley, Corrine Mini and Lula Walker, Messrs. B. B. Jones and W. B. Umstead, the last four members of the High School faculty. The entire High School department will be closed, in addition to the grades taught by the other teachers named above. These teachers will attend the State Teachers' Assembly at Raleigh.

All rooms taught by teachers below the High School department not mentioned, will be open, and pupils are requested by the Superintendent to take notice.

### MOUNTAIN FARMERS APT TO GET RICH

Newton, Nov. 28.—Matching their produce with the cotton of the lowlands, mountain farmers are streaming through this section with the most valuable wagon loads of stuff they have ever hauled. Cabage, potatoes and beans are higher than ever known. Among half a dozen of the mountain schooners in Newton today there was one wagon loaded with Irish potatoes and white beans that sold out its cargo for \$250. One merchant paid \$30 for a small lot of the beans. Apples are not so high and seem to be plentiful.

### CHICAGO DIET SQUAD BOARDS ON LOW RATE

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 28.—The diet squad, which is undergoing a two-weeks' test to help establish an economical standard of living and to prove that palatable and nutritious meals can be served at a cost not to exceed forty cents a day, has been fed for a week at a net cost of food consumed of 33 2-3 cents a person each day. On this diet the squad has gained a total of 27 pounds.

### MAIL CARRIER STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE, DIES

Asheville, Nov. 28.—Dale Brash, special delivery messenger for the Asheville postoffice, died this afternoon as the result of injuries sustained Sunday when the motorcycle he was riding collided with an automobile driven by J. L. Phillips.

### BIG WAGE INCREASE BY STANDARD OIL

New York, Nov. 28.—A wage increase to meet the high cost of living by which 10,000 of its employes will be benefited beginning December 1, was announced here tonight by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

The success of the second annual exhibit of the Kinston Fair was further attested by the splendid reports which the officers of the association made to the stockholders at the second annual meeting held in the offices of the Kinston Insurance & Realty Co. Tuesday night.

Secretary Canady expressed regret in the outset of his report that the financial showing was no so good as the first year; that is the net showing. But his report indicated that the capital stock had been doubled and that several thousand dollars had been put in new buildings and other needed improvements. The report further indicated that there is a surplus from the two years of about \$6,000.

With this it is assured that needed improvements and enlargements for the 1917 exhibit can be made. It was pointed out by President Dunn and others that the association must lay by for a rainy day and that a bad week in any one year might wipe out the surplus.

The stockholders manifested their appreciation of the work of the officers and on rising vote authorized the President to appoint a committee to purchase a suitable loving cup to be presented to Secretary Canady, who has untiringly worked for the association and to whose energy and ability the splendid success of the two fairs has been largely attributed. Mr. Canady has served without any compensation whatsoever and it was over his protest that the stockholders insisted upon showing some appreciation of his good work.

The old board of directors were chosen for another year. They are: F. C. Dunn, H. H. McCoy, W. D. LaRoque, J. H. Caandy, P. S. B. Harper, Wm. Hayes, W. D. Hood, C. Felix Harvey, H. C. Hines, T. H. Martin, N. J. Rouse, J. M. Quinn, E. T. Moseley, E. V. Webb, J. M. Parrott, J. F. Taylor, W. B. Douglass, C. Oettinger, A. S. Copeland, J. J. Stevenson, J. W. Goodson, E. G. Barrett, T. W. Mewborn and H. E. Moseley.

Mr. E. B. Lewis was chosen chairman of the meeting and Secretary Canady served in that capacity for the stockholders.

### CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR MANY SUBMARINES

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 29.—The Navy Department today awarded contracts for eighteen coast submarines to the electric Boat Company at \$697,000 each, six to the Lake Torpedo Boat Co., at \$294,000 each. One 800-ton submarine will be built by the Electric Boat Co. at a cost of \$1,189,000 and one by the Lake Company at \$1,195,000.

### GOLDSBORO MAN BADLY HURT BY AUTOMOBILE

Goldsboro, Nov. 28.—Jasper Warrick was run over and seriously injured at 7:30 tonight by an automobile driven by Floyd Barden. His injuries are about the face and head. Rain on his windshield prevented Mr. Barden from seeing Mr. Warrick when he stepped in front of the machine.

### BULLETINS

(By the United Press)  
GOVERNMENT PAPERS FILED.  
Washington, Nov. 29.—Papers in the government's appeal in the 8-hour law matter have been filed with the Supreme Court.

**JELICOFF FIRST SEA LORD.**  
London, Nov. 28.—First Lord of the Admiralty Jellicoff today announced in the Commons that Sir John Jellicoff had been selected as first sea Lord of the Admiralty.