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## PLAN TO CATCH BANDITS

**American Government Expects Hearty Co-operation of Carranza Forces in Hunt For Villa.**

Washington.—The United States Government entered into a formal agreement with the de facto government of Mexico under which the American troops will cross the border to hunt down Villa and his bandits with the expectation of hearty co-operation from the Carranza forces.

Secretary Lansing made public the text of a note, accepting General Carranza's proposal for a reciprocal arrangement between the two Governments and announcing that the United States held this arrangement to be now in force and binding upon both parties. General Funston will carry out his task under agreement.

Official announcement was awaited that the American forces had crossed the border. Plans for the troop movements have gone ahead without regard to the diplomatic exchanges. Mr. Lansing also made public a statement issued in the name of President Wilson, reiterating that every step being taken by the administration was based on the deliberate intention to preclude the possibility of armed intervention in Mexico. It follows:

"In order to remove any apprehension that may exist either in the United States or in Mexico, the President has authorized me to give in his name the public assurance that the military operations now in contemplation by this government will be scrupulously confined to the object already announced and that in no circumstances will they be suffered to infringe in any degree upon the sovereignty of Mexico or develop into intervention of any kind in the internal affairs of our sister republic.

"On the contrary, what is now being done, is deliberately intended to preclude the possibility of intervention."

The note to Carranza defines the terms of the agreement beyond the possibility of misconception. In brief it provides that where conditions arise on the Mexican side of the border similar to those at Columbus which led to the orders to General Funston, to enter Mexico, the same privilege will be accorded to the Mexican de facto Government without the necessity of a further exchange of views. It is clearly stated, however, that the bandits to be pursued on American soil by Mexican troops must have come from the American side, committed depredations on the Mexican side and fled back again to United States territory. There is no such instance on record in recent years.

Officials of the Mexican Embassy here were jubilant over the acceptance of General Carranza's proposal by the United States. The Ambassador designate Eliseo Arredondo, withheld comment pending advice from his chief, but other officials made no secret of their entire satisfaction with the American note. It was transmitted promptly to General Carranza. Some officials said that while a few extreme radicals among Carranza adherents might show opposition to the agreement, this element would not be important, nor would it influence the relations between the two governments.

To prevent any war munitions from reaching Villa from the United States the Treasury Department instructed its collectors at San Francisco, Nogales and Los Angeles to place an embargo on shipments of arms and ammunition through those points into Mexico. The embargo effects the principal commercial gateways into Chihuahua, Sonora and Lower California and is regarded as sufficient in extent to make certain that Villa will not be supplied from this country.

The whole matter is in General Funston's hands. He is planning carefully his moves on the huge chess board of northern Mexico, where he is to match his wits with Villa. His deliberation, officers here say, is calculated to make certain the result before the first shot is fired.

At last Germany has declared war on Portugal; Portugal being the thirteenth country to become involved in the conflict.

## Davidson Glee Club Pleases.

The Davidson College Orchestra and Glee Club gave a concert at the Graded School Monday night, rendering a full program replete with delightful music, both vocal and instrumental. It would be difficult to give an adequate expression of the evidences of skill and perfect training on the part of the performers. It is sufficient to say that a large audience of lovers of music applauded with enthusiasm throughout the entire evening. Nearly every number was encored, and the boys always responded cheerfully. It would not be fair to mention any stars, for all were good. Mr. Mullen in his character sketches was excellent, so were the soloists, Messrs. Fowle, Neal and Baker. Everybody was delighted, and we all hope that this Club will visit Marion next season. The receipts amounted to \$53.65, a third of which goes to a local cause.

## Sans Souci Club Entertained.

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the season was the entertainment of the Sans Souci club by Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey on last Friday afternoon. Four tables were arranged in the hall and parlor for 108. Spring flowers and potted plants were attractively arranged throughout the house. St. Patrick was much in evidence, the score cards were dainty Irish maidens with appropriate quotations. At the conclusion of the game, the dining room was thrown open and the hostess invited her guests to find their places at one long table by means of beautiful place cards. The table was lovely in snowy white trimmed in green. The center was alternating green Irish hats and miniature flags. Potatoes with flags and shamrocks and pipes were additions to the already perfect table. An elegant course luncheon was served, the St. Patrick idea being perfectly carried out in every detail.

## Camp Fire Organization.

The Camp Fire girls are now collecting old clothing and toys for the war orphans, to be sent the National Department of the Camp Fires as a donation on the fourth anniversary of the National Camp Fire organization in the United States. About the middle of May the Cullakeena Camp expect to give the play "Any Girl", in the graded school auditorium. This play is not only for the purpose of raising money for the camp, but also to interest and acquaint the parents of the girls, and outsiders as well, in the purpose and work of the Camp Fire organization.

## Arbor Day.

Thursday will be Arbor Day at the Graded School. A program will be rendered by the children in connection with the planting of the trees. The exercises will begin promptly at 2:30, and everybody is invited to be present. It is earnestly hoped that the patrons of the school will encourage this effort of the children to add to the beauty of the school grounds by being present and taking part in the exercises. Each class will plant its favorite tree, giving it the name of some well known character.

Mrs. Carrie Childs' millinery opening takes place Friday and Saturday.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

**Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.**

### NEBO

Nebo, March 13.—The Normal course for teachers opened today with an enrollment of 23. There are several teachers boarding at the dormitory and more are expected to be here by the first of next week. The course will continue for five weeks and we hope that much good will be accomplished during that time.

Miss Mamie Goforth, after making an extended visit to friends and relatives here, returned to her home at Dysartville last Friday.

M. S. Giles of Glen Alpine was a visitor here Sunday.

Misses Iowa Sigmon and Hattie Taylor attended the closing exercises of the Chapel Hill school last Friday night.

Lee Layendar, who has been ill with pneumonia, is improving.

Miss Cheley Sigmon was shopping in Marion one day last week.

### HANKINS

Hankins, Mar. 13.—Mrs. W. F. Wise spent a few days last week in Spartanburg, S. C., with relatives.

Mrs. Charles Hensley of Nebo spent Saturday and Sunday here with her mother, Mrs. C. McNeely.

Mrs. Eva Brown and Misses Nancy Finley and Lettie Lentz of Marion were visitors in Hankins last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. Y. Finley of Marion is visiting relatives and friends here.

Miss Jane McNeely was shopping in Marion last week.

Mrs. J. Y. Barnes of Marion spent last Saturday and Sunday here with relatives.

Frank Dysart made a business trip to Bridgewater last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson of Carleyle were visitors here Sunday.

Mrs. Ben Martin and children and Miss Edna Tate of Marion spent Friday and Saturday here with Miss Kit Dysart.

### Foy-Pumphrey.

Miss Minnie Foy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Foy, of this place, and Mr. W. B. Pumphrey, of Lancaster, Ky., were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on South Main street last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. L. D. Thompson officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by relatives and a few friends.

The groom was for some time advance agent for the Williams Stock Company but now holds a position with the American Tobacco company.

Mr. and Mrs. Pumphrey will make their home in Lancaster, Ky.

### Robbed of Watch.

Morganton, N. C., March 8.—Charged with robbing R. R. Flagman of his watch, Carol Nicks, nineteen, and James Sneed, twenty-one, were today bound over to the Superior court on a charge of highway robbery and carrying concealed weapons. They were unable to furnish bond and were taken to the Marion jail. The hold-up took place at the end of the Swannanoa tunnel above Old Fort. The arrests were made by Marshal Grant of Old Fort.

### Ridgecrest Road is Almost Complete

P. H. Mashburn, of Old Fort, chairman of the highway commission, was in Asheville last Friday and is quoted as stating to friends that the new road from Ridgecrest to Old Fort is almost completed and will shortly be opened to through traffic. Mr. Mashburn says that the road is splendidly constructed, and will rank among the best in the state.

## Death of Ernie McCormick.

At 1 o'clock Monday afternoon, Feb. 28th, Ernie, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McCormick, peacefully fell asleep, from which there will be no awakening until the resurrection morn.

For several weeks Ernie suffered from a complication of whooping cough and pneumonia. She bore her affliction with unusual patience, showing always a consideration for those who loved her, and so tenderly ministered to her. While she was only a child, a little more than thirteen years of age, she was lady like in her conduct and hospitality. Several days before she breathed her last, she made a bright profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, and being conscious until the last, she constantly affirmed that she was not afraid to die, but rather assured her loved ones that she was going home. Ernie was a sweet attractive child, and was additionally loved because of her obedience to her parents and school teacher.

Their many friends deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. McCormick in the loss of their child.

## Normal Course for Teachers at Old Fort.

The normal course for teachers will begin at Old Fort, Monday, March 20. Supt. I. C. Griffin will have charge of the classes in Teacher Training. Miss Maude Harris, rural supervisor, will give the courses in primary work. She will begin her work on Monday, April 3, and will continue for two weeks. Supt. N. F. Steppe, and County Superintendent Byron Conley will conduct the classes in arithmetic, grammar and history, this work to begin March 20.

Teachers expecting to take advantage of these courses are requested to be present on the opening date. They are also requested to bring copies of the books required to be taught in the schools of the county. The text on Pedagogy can be secured from Mr. Griffin on the opening morning.

No charge is made for instruction in this work.

## Miss Crawford Elopes with Spartanburg Attorney.

Asheville Citizen.

Charles Cecil Wyche, a prominent young attorney of Spartanburg and a member of the South Carolina senate for two terms, eloped to Asheville with Miss Evelyn Trul Crawford, Saturday night, and the two were married by Rev. J. S. Williams, chaplain of the Good Samaritan mission.

Mr. Wyche was defeated for the senate of South Carolina in the last election, running on the ticket with Cole Blease. He is now a candidate for lieutenant governor of the state, as Blease's running mate.

Mrs. Wyche is the daughter of Jackson Crawford, prominent in Old Fort and McDowell county. Two of her brothers are connected with the Southern Railway company. The young couple left yesterday for an extended honeymoon.

Adjutant General Young says the North Carolina National Guard, on a peace basis of 65 men to the company, now has 225 officers and 3,026 enlisted men fully equipped. He declared he could bring the organization to a war basis of 150 men per company in ten days.

## CONVENTIONS IN APRIL

**State Committee Names Dates for Democratic State and County Conventions.**

The Democratic State committee, in session in Raleigh Wednesday night, selected Raleigh as the place and April 27 as the date, for the meeting of the Democratic State convention. The county conventions to elect delegates to the State convention will be held on April 22, the precinct meetings to elect delegates to the county convention on April 15.

The State convention will elect four delegates to the national Democratic convention and the delegates to the State convention from each congressional district will elect two delegates from each district. Two electors for the State will be named by the State convention and an elector for each district will be named by district delegates.

The State convention does not nominate candidates. The candidates, State, judicial and congressional, and the legislative and county candidates in the great majority of the counties, will be named in a State-wide primary to be held in June. There was some contention that delegates to the national convention should be named in the same way, but the majority of the committee decided that there was no provision for naming delegates and electors in the primaries. Forty-seven members of the committee were present or represented by proxy.

Nathan O'Berry, R. H. Hayes, B. W. Ballard, A. H. Eller and A. D. Watts were appointed a committee to canvass, June 10, the returns from the State primary; and to draft a new party plan D. G. Brummitt, A. D. Watts, A. M. Scales, S. C. Brawley and J. W. Ferguson were named.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

"In view of the discussions that have taken place in Congress and in the country with respect to our diplomatic relations with belligerent countries, the Democratic State executive committee desires to give expression to its implicit confidence in the judgement, wisdom and patriotism of the President in the discharge of his constitutional function pertaining to our foreign relations, and to commend our Senators and Representatives in Congress for their action in voting to table resolutions tending to embarrass him as our spokesman and representative in his negotiations with the belligerent governments of Europe. We know that the President is an ardent friend of peace and that he can be relied upon to protect this country from war if that result can be accomplished without sacrificing the honor and dignity of the nation."

A. P. Goodwin of Gatesville was made a committee member to succeed L. L. Smith and C. F. Cline of Rutherfordton to succeed John C. Mills. Smith and Mills have died since last meeting.

North Cove school will have its commencement Friday, March 17. There will be a picnic with a program consisting of songs, recitations, drills, etc., in the afternoon. An interesting program will also be rendered at night at 8 o'clock.