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WAR CLOUD IS LOWERING

Americans Must Be Released at Once or U. S. Troops Will Be Sent After Them.

Washington, June 27.—The British consul at Chihuahua City, who is looking after American interests there reported to the State Department today that the American troopers captured at Carrizal had been interned in the Chihuahua penitentiary. He gave the number as 25. Two are slightly wounded.

The consul's message which was the first report regarding the prisoners to reach the department from him, also noted the detention of the Mormon interpreter taken with the cavalrymen.

Unless General Carranza surrenders the 23 American troopers before tomorrow night President Wilson probably will go before Congress Thursday to ask authority to rescue them by force. Pending their release the United States Government will not consider any offer of mediation or arbitration.

The State Department had no intimation tonight as to when a reply to the note sent Sunday demanding immediate release of the soldiers might be expected. It was delivered yesterday at 11 a. m.

Wilson Orders Carranza to Release United States Prisoners.

Washington, June 25.—A demand for the immediate release of the American troopers taken prisoners at Carrizal coupled with a stern notification that the United States expects an early statement of the purposes of the Carranza Government was telegraphed to Mexico City today by Secretary Lansing.

The note discloses that the State Department received yesterday a communication from the de facto Government stating that the Carrizal fight was the direct result of orders to attack American soldiers moving otherwise than towards the border personally issued by General Carranza to General Trevino and by the latter communicated to General Pershing.

In reply Secretary Lansing requires that the de facto Government transmit a definite statement "as to the course of action it has determined upon," through the usual diplomatic channels, "and not through subordinate military officers."

The Mexican communication is construed, Secretary Lansing states, "as a formal avowal of deliberately hostile action against the forces of the United States now in Mexico and of the purpose to attack without provocation whenever they move from their present position, despite the friendly mission on which they are engaged and which is re-affirmed in the American rejoinder."

Ranchman and Wife Murdered by Bandits.

Columbus, N. M., June 27.—American cavalrymen assisted by posses of ranchmen and citizens of Hachita and nearby towns tonight are pursuing bandits who early today raided a ranch about 35 miles southwest of Hachita, N. M., killing William Parker, the owner, and Mrs. Alice Parker, his bride of five months.

Gibson-Conniffe.

Friends here will be interested in the following partial account of the Gibson-Conniffe marriage in Cordova, S. C., on the 15th:

"Cordova, S. C., June 17.—A notable society event of the season, and one of exceeding beauty and county wide interest, was the marriage of Miss Julia Helen Gibson of this place to Mr. John Frances Conniffe, of Marion, N. C., at Ebenezer Church at 5:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The church was filled with a representative assemblage and was transformed into a sylvan bower. Amid garlands of Southern smilax and banks of palms the glitter of innumerable candles and oil lights displayed the brilliancy of the scene. The chancel was outlined with smilax, ivy and bamboo against a background of white and many lovely gorgeous hot plants which lent a special grace to the occasion.

"Prior to the entry of the bridal party Mrs. Marvin Arant and Miss Sue Walker, of Orangeburg, sang "Because of You."

"Mrs. Henry Kohn at the piano with Mrs. Ted Schifley on the violin rendered in tones sweet and low the oft rendered wedding march, when the vibration of which had filled the spacious edifice no lovelier procession has ever wended their way to the altar.

"The bride entered with her brother, Mr. T. C. Gibson, of South Richmond, Va., by whom she was given in marriage. The groom entered with his brother, Mr. Emmett Conniffe, of Tillman, S. C. Miss Kathleen Reynolds, of Fayetteville, N. C., was maid of honor and gownned in a lovely white silk lace and carrying a bouquet of white carnations. The bridesmaids were dressed in white organdies trimmed with lace carrying lovely bouquets of pink carnations. The groomsmen wore navy blue suits. The bride was a winsome picture of womanly loveliness in her becoming traveling suit of midnight blue silk taffeta carrying a bouquet of Brides roses showered with lilies of the valley. She was met at altar by the groom and best man where they were made husband and wife by Rev. Robert Robinson of Georgia, uncle of the groom.

"After hearty congratulations at the church the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride where a light buffet course was served prior to their departure for many places of interest North.

"Mr. and Mrs. Conniffe enter life's battle under favorable auspices. Their many friends wish for them a life of unalloyed peace, prosperity and happiness. The presents were numerous, varied and costly, attesting the high esteem in which they were held.

"They took the northbound train over the Southern for an extended bridal tour to be gone ten days or more after which they will return to Marion, N. C., where they will make their home. Mr. Conniffe holds a responsible position with the Southern railroad.

The night previous to the wedding a reception was given at the home of the bride in honor of the bridal party.

Mr. and Mrs. Conniffe arrived here Sunday night after a ten days bridal trip North. Mr. Conniffe is agent for the Southern Railway here where he has made his home for a number of years. He is held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends who extend hearty congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

The furniture and fixtures of the forestry service was moved last week to the Hawkins building on Henderson street where the entire office force will maintain offices in the future.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

BRIDGEWATER

Bridgewater, June 26.—Mrs. Ben Martin of Marion spent last week here at the Rust house.

Miss Kary Tate has returned home from Spring Hope, Va., where she spent the past season as milliner.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hilderbran and little son, John, spent Sunday in Nebo. Ben Seals and Carl Justice of Murphy are here spending a few days with homefolks.

Mrs. Ed. Byrd and children of Morganton spent the week-end here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ballew.

G. W. Simpson of Glen Alpine was a visitor in Bridgewater Sunday.

Kelly Bowman of Morganton spent Sunday here with friends.

Misses Cheley and Iowa Sigmon of Nebo are here spending the week with their sister, Mrs. Hilderbran.

A. S. Abernethy of Hickory was here on business last week.

Harry Hunter of Aberdeen spent Monday here with friends.

Miss Tressie Ballew of Marion Junction visited homefolks here Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Hemphill was called to Shelby Sunday on account of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Geer.

Herbert Giles of Black Mountain visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Carrie Tate spent Thursday in Glen Alpine.

Mr. W. Williams of Old Fort was a visitor here Sunday.

Von Ray of Marion was here on business Thursday.

Bryan Hemphill left Friday for Hickory to join the Military Company which went from there Saturday to Camp Glenn. We are indeed proud to have one boy go for the service of his country.

HARMONY GROVE

Harmony Grove, June 26.—Ceph Pyatt made a business trip to Old Fort one day last week.

W. D. Mangrum and wife of Virginia are spending a few days with relatives here.

Pink Crawley, who has been engaged in work at Nebo, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents here.

S. P. Tate was a business visitor here one day last week.

Daniel Vaughn of Old Fort spent the week end with homefolks here.

Mrs. I. C. Crawley was shopping in Marion one day last week.

Dallas Rowe, who has been engaged in work at Murphy, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. A. E. Rowe.

Arthur Mangum of Dry Ponds spent the week-end with his grandmother here.

Miss Lonnie Snipes is spending a few days with homefolks here.

Mrs. John Brinkley is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. E. Rowe.

Special Services for the Asheville Troops.

Under the patronage of Mrs. Geo. W. Vanderbilt, a special farewell service for the Asheville members of the North Carolina National Guard was held at All Souls' Episcopal church, Biltmore, Friday morning, the day before the troops left for camp at Morehead. The services were conducted by Bishop Horner and the music was especially appropriate. "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "The Star Spangled Banner" and "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," were sung. Mrs. Vanderbilt manifested special interest in the soldiers.

Theodore Roosevelt, in a letter read to the Progressive national committee, in session in Chicago Monday, finally declined to accept the presidential nomination of the party and strongly urged the organization to support Charles E. Hughes.

Clinchfield Mill News.

W. A. McCall spent Sunday at Swannanoa.

Miss Morie Maddox of Enoree, S. C., and J. B. Laughlin of this place were married at Spartanburg on June 25. We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin into our circle and wish them much happiness and success.

Little Loris Wager, infant of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Wager, died Tuesday. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved parents.

There is in course of construction a new Methodist church and several other improvements under way for the betterment of our people here.

Warren Confident of Democratic Success.

Raleigh, N. C., June 23.—Expressing confidence that the democratic majority in North Carolina next November will be at least fifty thousand, Chairman Thomas D. Warren, of the democratic state executive committee, spent the day here making some preliminary arrangements for opening up state headquarters here for the impending campaign about July 1. He has been conducting the campaign from his home at Newbern for some weeks, and says that the affairs of the party in this state were never more precipitously conditioned for a sweeping victory.

Chairman Warren is confident that Zeb Weaver will win the Tenth district seat in congress from J. J. Britt, the republican, and that the democrats in all the other districts will win easily.

Facts Regarding the Chimney Rock Highway.

The road is three miles long extending from the Charlotte-Asheville Highway in Hickory Nut Gap actually to the base of Chimney Rock. It is 18 feet wide, 4 to 7 per cent grade with 2 per cent grade on hairpin curves with diameters of 75 feet on all switch-backs, the whole sanded throughout. The entrance feature is the work of the landscape department of Biltmore Estate. There is a formal entrance, the road passing between two massive piers built from the native granite. In reaching the opposite bank of Broad River it traverses a very beautiful island, a veritable primeval forest to and from which are two very substantial and beautiful rustic bridges. The first mile of the highway rises by easy curves in the direction of the bottomless pools, thence turning sharply to the left, the second mile occupies the crest of the Elision Ridge where some wonderful views are obtained. The third mile is a series of marvelous and interesting switch-back reverses rising one upon another cut out of the solid rock till at last it reaches actual the base of the "Chimney." Among the interesting things to be seen are Chimney Rock, the Hickory Nut Falls, and the Appian Way, a narrow bench on the face of the precipice leading from the base of Chimney Rock to the top of the Falls. In the vicinity the Hickory Nut Gap itself is one of great beauty. Other points of interest are Bat Cave, Rumbling Cave, the Bottomless Pools, Silver Falls, Maiden Hair Falls, not to mention Broad River itself with hundreds of cascades un-named.

It's Open Now.

The McDowell Building & Loan Association is now selling stock in its 24th series and if you want to own your home or save some money, you had better take stock in this series. Come in and let us tell you about the homes we have built and the people we have helped. J. E. Neal, Secretary.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The annual reunion of Catawba county Confederate veterans will be held at Newton August 17.

Gov. Craig has announced the appointment of Miss May F. Jones of Asheville as his private secretary to succeed the late J. P. Kerr.

Hoskey Lane, aged 16 years, lost or will lose all the toes of his left foot as the result of jumping on a moving freight train in East Hickory Sunday evening.

August 2 has been set apart in Morganton as Burke county progress day. Among the speakers will be Mrs. McKimmon, State agent of home economics.

The Sylvan Valley News, published at Brevard, made its appearance last week in enlarged and improved form. Editor Hollowell is a splendid newspaper man and is giving his patrons an excellent paper which deserves liberal support.

North Carolina produces more tobacco than any other State in the Union. The total quantity of chewing and smoking tobacco yielded by the State in 1914 was 105,137,525 pounds — one-third the amount in the United States which was 440,935,721 pounds.

Maj. Abbott Emmett Lloyd, 59 years of age, and for nearly 30 years a merchant in Durham, committed suicide Monday by shooting himself in the mouth with a 32-caliber revolver. Temporary bad health is believed to have caused despondency that brought on the act.

Garden Creek Valley, in Haywood county, said to be the most fertile farming spot in western North Carolina, was visited by a very destructive hail storm a few days ago. The valley embraces about two miles square and within that area not a stalk of corn or wheat, not a vegetable, was left.

Lawrence W. Young has been appointed by Governor Craig Brigadier General of the First regiment of North Carolina and will command troops of this state in the field. Former Brigadier General B. S. Royster, who was retired the first of June, has been placed on the active list as adjutant-general.

Dr. Night, professor of education at Trinity College, has been assigned to conduct the Burke county teachers' institute, which will open at Morganton July 10th. Dr. Night goes to Morganton in the place of Supt. A. T. Allen, of Salisbury, whose appointment on the State text book commission has necessitated his giving up institute work.

Legislative Librarian W. S. Wilson has completed a compilation of those who are standing for election to the North Carolina Senate in November. In the Thirty-third district, composed of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and McDowell, the Democratic candidates are James L. Nelson of Lenoir and Abner C. Payne of Taylorsville. The Republican candidates are Edmund F. Wakefield of Lenoir and Peter W. Patton of Morganton.