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CONDITIONS BETTER AT VERA CRUZ

FIFTH BRIGADE TO BELIEVE BLUE JACKETS.

Throughout night General Funston and Admiral Badger exchanged radio messages—City is being guarded to prevent possible attacks.—The location of General Maas reported by Scout Aviator Bellinger.—Thousand Federal Soldiers beyond Soledad Outposts.—The American forces immediately strengthened.

Vera Cruz, April 28.—The city looked toward the harbor where the fifth brigade, under General Funston is expected to be landed to relieve the bluejackets, who are doing shore duty, preserving order and guarding the approaches to the town from a possible attack.

Throughout the night General Funston and Rear Admiral Badger exchanged radio messages. It is believed the details of landing are settled and it is expected that General Funston will relieve Admiral Fletcher in command of the shore forces by noon.

Scout aviator, Bellinger, after reconnoitering over Vera Cruz and vicinity, reported that he had located General Maas and a thousand federal soldiers beyond the Soledad outposts. The American forces were immediately strengthened.

FOREST HILL NEWS.

Items of Interest Gathered From the Northern Section of the City.

Mrs. Sally Stone, of Hickory, is visiting at the home of her son, Mr. W. A. Stone, and will spend several weeks here.

Mrs. Geo. Best and children, of Gastonia, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Best's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Petrean.

Mrs. John T. Howell and Mrs. W. T. Linker have returned from a visit to Mrs. Lee Howell at High Point. Master Ernest Howell returned with them and will spend several days here.

Miss Nettie Watkins, of Charlotte, spent Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Watkins.

Mr. John Wright spent Sunday in Mount Holly with his parents.

Mr. Roy Sapp, of Burlington, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Sally Sapp, on Church street.

Mr. John Crowder is in Durham attending the Baraca-Philathea convention.

Messrs. D. W. McLemore, Fred Howell, Travis Eudy, James Crowell and Ed. Beaver spent Sunday at Baden viewing many interesting sights.

Big Auction Sale of Lots.

On Friday, May 1st, at 10:30 a. m. rain or shine, Penny Bros., of Greensboro, will sell at public auction 40 residential lots, 10 small farms, and the handsome home place of Mrs. R. A. Brown, located within the city limits of Concord, on South Union street. A free lot will be given away and a bag of money. Music will be furnished by a brass band and a male quartette will sing. This is good property for investment purposes, as well as an opportunity to get a good lot on which to build a home.

Militants Burn Pine Hotel.

Felictown, England, April 28.—The Bath hotel, one of the finest hotels on the coast, was burned by militants today. The loss is an hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

HUERTA HAS AGREED TO MEDIATE

Official Notification Brought to Secretary Bryan. Washington, April 28.—The Spanish ambassador brought to Secretary Bryan today an official notification that Gen. Huerta had agreed to mediate. Secretary Bryan said he had received word also of Huerta's acceptance through Argentina, Brazil and Chili group, but declined to give out more information at this time. Gen. Huerta's demands are still unknown to the Secretary, he claimed.

CONTRACT AWARDED.

Mart P. Moore Awarded Contract for Draining Buffalo Creek for \$18,000.

At a meeting of the drainage commissioners of Buffalo creek yesterday the commissioners, Messrs. W. F. Goodman, J. P. Allison and J. M. W. White, awarded the contract for draining the creek to Mr. Mart P. Moore. There were five bidders. Mr. Moore's bid was \$18,000.

The drainage district is 13 2-10 miles long, extending from Bradford's mill to the Rowan county line. The work is to be completed within eight months after it is started. Mr. A. F. Goodman, secretary of the drainage commission, states that the work will begin in a few weeks.

Mr. Moore had charge of the drainage work on the Big Cold Water district, which was completed April 1. He has a dredge boat and other necessary equipment for the work at Cold Water and will use it on the Buffalo creek work.

Instructions Sent to All Companies.

Raleigh, April 27.—Adjutant General Young, of the North Carolina National Guard, who is in close touch with the war department at Washington, says he is satisfied a call for mobilization of the National Guard will come the very hour congress declares war against Mexico.

He says every company of the battalion of infantry in this state has instructions from him in hand that will enable them to be ready to move to the mobilization point within an hour after the order comes from Washington. Also he has a big force of men working at Camp Glenn, extending equipment in such a way as to give full accommodation for the troops.

Funeral of Mrs. Barnhardt

Mrs. Katherine Ann Barnhardt was buried Sunday afternoon at Cold Springs Church. Rev. C. F. Sherrill conducted the services, assisted by Rev. C. R. Pless. Mrs. Barnhardt was born June 11, 1833, and was 80 years, 10 months, 14 days old. She was a Miss Fink and was married to Mr. Charles Barnhardt in 1858. Her husband died during the war in a hospital in Goldsboro, 1863. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. James A. Barnhardt and Miss Amanda Barnhardt. Mrs. Barnhardt has been an invalid for five years. She was a noble lady of a fine Christian character and had many friends. A large crowd attended the funeral.

Four Hundred Killed in Fight at Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, April 28.—Two hundred native passengers were killed or drowned during a desperate fight with Chinese pirates who attacked and burned the British steamship station.

A Concession.

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INEFFICIENCY AMONG COUNTRY'S FARMERS

Cause of High Cost of Living, Says President Vanderlip of National City Bank. New York, April 27.—Ignorance and inefficiency among the country's farmers rather than big business make up the fundamental cause of the high cost of living, Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City bank, declared at a dinner of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association here tonight. Land is being utilized with but 40 per cent. of efficiency, yet the farmer is not held culpable—he is not answerable to society, Mr. Vanderlip said, as is the railroad manager who produces anything less than 100 per cent.

Mr. Vanderlip deprecated what he alluded to as the increasing bonds of hampering regulations under which business is being placed by law. As a means of obtaining relief for what he said is an existing business depression he urged a campaign of education to have public opinion based on "correct economic principles."

Dismissing the cotton industry, Mr. Vanderlip said the department of agriculture "seems to be the one arm of our government truly devoted to upbuilding an intelligent development of our resources." This department has shown, he said, what "a shamefully small average yield" there is of cotton in the United States compared with certain other countries.

"I believe there is no more important service than you men are engaged in the cotton manufacturing business can perform looking toward the development of the cotton industry than to do all you can to awaken public opinion to the need for efficient methods of cotton cultivation," he asserted.

"We are today a nation grown critical of business methods and resentful of business accomplishment. By far the greater part of government energies, as related to business, are directed toward destruction rather than constructive and creative ends. Insofar as business is responsible for its conduct, it will not do to say that corporation heads are the representatives of public subscribed care and are therefore subject, in the interests of society, to a surveillance that applies only to the affair of a public corporation, while with farmers represent only personal investment and may be left to work out with such ignorance or intelligence as they choose to bring to bear the conduct of their own affairs.

"Farmers and planters also owe something to society in the way of intelligently conducting their business. They hold the means of production in their control. The public interest and the common good demand that they exercise the trust with intelligence, efficiency and thrift. You have got to do something besides run your cotton mills. You and other business men must educate public opinion."

Those Washington Wills.

Charlotte Observer. The publication of a courteous correspondence between Governor Stuart of Virginia and Mr. J. P. Morgan reveals the latter gentleman as unwilling to place Martha Washington's will again in the possession of Fairfax county, whence it was rifled during the Civil War, but willing to do either of two other things. Mr. Morgan declares that the Fairfax county court house vaults are not fire proof and that even if they were the document in question would be practically out of public view. He invites, therefore, the approval of Governor Stuart for his presentation by him to the Mount Vernon Association, Fairfax county or the State of Virginia likewise presenting the original will of George Washington, which the Civil War thief respected or did not discover and which is still in the Fairfax county vault. At Mount Vernon, Mr. Morgan points out, the two documents would be eminently in their fitting place and would be assured the complete protection against fire. Or Mr. Morgan will give to the library of congress, if Virginia so prefers, and if she will present the husband's will to keep company with the wife's. Replying, Governor Stuart asserts that the document is legally and morally the property of Fairfax county and that he can do nothing, therefore, but insist upon its return. At this stage the matter now rests. Except that Fairfax county might wish its property right recognized and might like to make the presentation itself, we can see little ground for the stand which Governor Stuart takes in its behalf. Both the Washington wills should certainly be at Mount Vernon, however they got there. And there they should be just as much in Virginia as if they were buried in an obscure court house vault not many miles away.

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Booseman in Chittanooga.

Salisbury, April 27.—Daniel Roseman, the merchant who had friends and officers scouring the woods for his body yesterday, following his disappearance Saturday night, turned up in Chittanooga, Tenn., today according to a brief message to his wife, in which he said he would be home tomorrow.

Federal Court convened in Salisbury Monday for a short term.

The most interesting case for trial before Judge Boyd is that of Miss Wall against J. B. Craven for \$10,000 alleged damages on account of dismissal from school.

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THE FEDERALS ARE MAKING OVERTURES

TO JOIN THE CONSTITUTIONALISTS.

And Combine Against the United States.—Report Sent By Admiral Mayo.—British Cruiser Gone to Orange Hill to Get American Refugees.—Secretary of Navy Takes Occasion to Defend Mayo's Course in Handling Refugees.—Necessary for Safety of All Foreigners That U. S. Naval Vessels Should Not Be Near Town.—Federal and Constitutionalists May Unite if American Ship Stayed Near Tampico.—Best Interest of Americans That Mayo's Forces Should Not Stay Near Tampico.

Washington, D. C., April 28.—Admiral Mayo has reported to the Navy Department that the Federalists at Tampico are making further overtures to the constitutionalists, hoping to secure a combination of forces against the United States. This is being done, notwithstanding that fighting between the two factions is still going on.

Admiral Mayo reported that the British cruiser *Hermione* had gone to Orange Hill, forty miles from Tampico, to get American refugees. Upon receipt of these messages the secretary of the navy took occasion to defend Admiral Mayo's course in handling the refugees. He has been severely criticized by refugees who are now in Galveston, who accuse him of having "left them in the lurch."

The Navy Department issued a statement saying that Admiral Mayo was informed by persons intimately in touch with the Tampico situation that it was necessary for the safety of all foreigners that the United States naval vessels should not be near the town. He was informed that the Mexicans apparently considered that war was on and that the federal and constitutionalist forces might unite if the American ship stayed near Tampico.

The British naval captain volunteered to send out all Americans and Admiral Mayo decided that it was to the best interest of Americans that his forces should not be near Tampico.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED IN COLORADO

Governor Ammons Has Issued Call for Volunteers.—Troops Ordered to Boulder County to Restore Order.

Denver, Colo., April 28.—Governor Ammons has issued call for volunteers for the State militia and simultaneously declared Boulder county under martial law. He also ordered a hundred troops to Boulder county to restore order. The Governor said the sheriff and a force of deputies and mine guards were cornered in Hecla mine and were in danger of extermination.

CONFERENCE OF GENERALS AT CHIHUAHUA.

Regarding Attitude Towards Difficulties Involving the United States and Huerta.

Chihuahua, Mex., April 28.—Conferences between Generals Villa, Carranza, and General Angeles regarding the attitude towards the difficulties involving the United States and Huerta were held here today. Carranza declined to comment on the mediation proposition.

Fakirs After Money.

Asheville, April 27.—That efforts are being made to collect money from Asheville people by unscrupulous fakirs who claim to represent Christians of the various denominations in the Orient is indicated by a letter of warning issued by Dr. R. F. Campbell, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Doctor Campbell is authority for the statement that during the past few days foreigners with forged credentials have called at the studies of local ministers with the request that they indorse their work in order that they may raise funds for orphanages in the East, which, according to Dr. Campbell, do not exist. Several of the local ministers were visited and one of them is said to have endorsed the caller's work after looking over the credentials presented.

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SCHOOL CLOSING AT ST. JOHN'S

Best in History of School.—Prizes Awarded.—Addresses by Revs. R. A. Goodman and C. R. Pless.

From time immemorial this has been one of the most successful years, if not the best in its history. It is due to the proficiency of the teachers and the cooperation of the people.

The school was taught by Miss Lillian Cline, principal, and Miss Sue Caldwell, assistant. Both of these young ladies are well equipped in that line of business.

That much progress was made is demonstrated by the fact that the pupils were courteous and obedient. Close intimacy prevailed between the teachers and the pupils.

The program rendered the last day was of high order. It was composed of songs, recitations, addresses and a declamation.

The programme was as follows: Declamation by Wade Hampton, subject "The Little That Large Life Compound."

Recitation by Bonnie Lee, subject "The Grapnel of the Legend Builder." Recitation by Shelby Herring, subject "The Swan Song."

Addresses by Rev. R. A. Goodman and Rev. C. R. Pless. The addresses were very good and suitable to the occasion.

Prizes were offered at the beginning of school for the best spellers in the first and second classes for the scholastic year. The one receiving the highest number of "head marks" would receive the prizes. Owing to the competition two had received the same number. In order to eliminate one a test examination of 50 words were given and it resulted in a tie. A second test was given with the same result. And a third was given which resulted in a tie. Then it was decided that each should have a prize. The prize winners in the second class were Ruth Ritchie and Shelby Herring. The prize in the first class was won by Grace Herring. And to the surprise of the teachers, the pupils gave each of them a prize. Dinner was then served on the grounds and all were the happy recipients.

A baseball game existed on the grounds in the evening. The school boys played a team composed of outsiders. The score was 4 to 0. X.

FIGHT BETWEEN THE GUARDS AND STRIKERS

Mine at Lafayette Also Attacked

Denver, Colo., April 28.—Firing between mine guards and strikers at the Hecla mine, of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company, continued early today, according to telephone advices from Boulder. The Vulcan mine of the same company at Lafayette was also attacked during the night, and shots were fired on the mine guards at Marshall and Gorham camps.

A Has-Been.

"He used to have quite a reputation in aviation circles."

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CLYDE CLEMENT IS DECLARED GUILTY

Fleda Pendleton Set Free By the Jury in Famous Spartanburg Case.

Spartanburg, S. C., April 27.—After having been out less than two hours the jury in the case of Clyde C. Clement and Miss Laura F. Pendleton who have been on trial here during the past week for the drowning of a baby, tonight found Clement guilty of murder and Miss Pendleton not guilty.

Clement was recommended to mercy, which means under South Carolina procedure, that he will be sentenced to life imprisonment.

The baby, alleged to have been the daughter of the two defendants, was found in a millpond January 31. Each of the defendants accused the other of having thrown the child into the pond the night before from a bridge. They admitted having gone to the bridge together with the baby but each professed ignorance of the intention of the other.

Miss Pendleton's testimony differed somewhat from an alleged confession made by her after her arrest in which she was quoted as saying she unwillingly consented to the death of the baby after Clement had promised to marry her if she acquiesced and threatened to abandon her if she thwarted his design.

The court room was filled with spectators when the verdict was returned. When Foreman J. W. Gaston read the jury's finding the crowd gave a demonstration of approval, cheering and clapping their hands. Judge Shipp made no effort to stop the applause.

Clement rose to his feet, staggered over to his mother, who sat nearby, threw his arms around her neck, buried his face in her bosom and sobbed. Mrs. Clement also wept piteously.

The boy after a few minutes was led back to jail. Mr. and Mrs. Clement and other members of the family left in an automobile for their home in North Carolina. By the time they boarded the car Mrs. Clement was in hysterics and had to be supported.

"Oh, may God save my son," she sobbed. "Oh, will they kill him? Oh, save him."

Miss Pendleton had bowed her head when the jury entered. When the words freeing her were pronounced she straightened up with a jerk and her face lightened up with a smile, and she clasped her attorneys and shook it vigorously. Then she rushed over to the jury and shook the hands of all of them. Mrs. J. H. Pendleton, her mother, was also overjoyed.

The funeral of the drowned baby will be held tomorrow at 4 o'clock at Oakwood cemetery and will be conducted by the Rev. C. C. Herbert, pastor of Central Methodist Church. Miss Pendleton and her mother will attend the funeral. Miss Pendleton will leave Wednesday morning for her parents' home in Durham, N. C.

Troubles come in bunches. Spring poets and war poets are at it for fair.

NO AMERICANS KILLED IN MEXICO CITY

NONE IN DANGER AND ONLY ONE ARREST.

Is Report Sent to State Department From Brazilian Minister.—One American Held Under Judicial Proceedings, in No Way Connected With Anti-American Demonstrations.—All Foreigners Allowed to Leave.—May Go Today, if They So Desire.

Washington, April 28.—No Americans have been killed in Mexico City and none are in danger, and only one is under arrest, according to assurances to the State Department from the Brazilian minister in that capital.

One man is under arrest and held at Aguas Calientes, under judicial proceedings, but he is in no way connected with the anti-American demonstration.

The minister declared that he had "full assurances" that all foreigners will be allowed to leave, and arrangements under way to get them out today, if they cared to go.

Union Veterans to Hold Memorial at Salisbury.

Salisbury, April 27.—A delegation of New Yorkers, veterans of the Civil War, together with many others of State wide reputation, will hold a brief memorial service in the federal cemetery in Salisbury Tuesday afternoon, April 28. Traveling in three special trains 100 or more prominent citizens from New York State en route to Anderson, S. C., for the purpose of unveiling a monument to the federal dead, will make a short stay in Salisbury. The object of the stop is to visit the cemetery here where more than 11,000 federal soldiers are buried.

Acting as chairman of the party is A. J. Palmer, of New York. For the purpose of decorating the graves of the New Yorkers buried in Salisbury 500 United States flags have been sent by express.

His Object.

"What did you mean by robbing this man?" asked the judge, sternly.

"Your Honor," answered the prisoner at the bar. "I meant to get what he had."

Seven Mine Guards Are Dead.

Walsburg, Colo., April 28.—That seven mine guards are dead as a result of the battle with strikers at McNally mine, was the statement made at the sheriff's office today.

Villa also makes the charge that Huerta is a drunkard. This does not mean that we are waging a prohibition war in Mexico.

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