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ISSUED ORDER AFTER CONFERENCE THIS MORNING.

THINK CARRANZA WILL COOPERATE

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The United States government has ordered troops to cross the border.

Washington, March 10.—President Wilson today ordered American troops over the Mexican border to capture or kill the Villa bandits who yesterday raided Columbus, New Mexico.

Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army, announced that the expedition would consist of not less than 5,000 men all of which are available on the border under Major General Funston.

In its present stage the President's order does not mean armed intervention in Mexico. It provides for a punitive expedition to deal with the lawless forces over which the Carranza forces have no control.

The following statement was issued at the White House: An adequate force will be sent after Villa and stop his forays.

It was explained at the White House that the American government wants Villa dead or alive, and that no steps will be neglected to carry out that object.

It was declared however, that the United States will not consider the petition as an invasion of Mexico and will continue to deal with the Carranza government. The American government still opposed to armed intervention but has decided that the peace of Mexico and the United States is imperilled by the continued activities of Villa.

The cabinet was unanimous in deciding that Villa must be caught. Secretary Baker left the White House to confer with Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, and other army officers to decide just how many troops would be needed to follow Villa.

General Scott said today that the necessity of providing even a stronger force for the border than it now has while the American troops are operating in Mexico would necessitate using some troops not now there for the punitive expedition. They probably are known for use of the National Guard.

No orders had been issued to the navy this afternoon but it was considered probable that some of the Atlantic fleet might be placed in Mexican waters to be near if Americans in coast towns were endangered by demonstrations.

Funston Says Cross. Washington, March 10.—After a conference today between Secretary Baker and Major General Scott, chief of staff, it was announced that the Columbus massacre is a closed incident so far as the war department is concerned. General Scott said that unless it was decided to have American troops cross the border again there was no likelihood of further intervention by the army.

Major General Funston in an overnight dispatch, urgently recommends that he be authorized to send American troops over the border to finally clean out the bandit gang. The State Department will pass on the recommendation.

General Funston's dispatch added that so long as the border is a shelter for them, they will continue to harass our ranches and towns to our abridgment. General Pershing reported that the Mexican consul at El Paso

WAR SUMMARY.

Big Let Up in Fighting Around Verdun on Both Sides.

A momentary let up in the desperate infantry fighting about Verdun is reported today from Paris. The Germans have not resumed attacks on either bank of the Meuse today, but violent bombardment of the defenses continues, indicating that the respite probably is to be brief.

Where the next German heavy blow will fall military commentators do not attempt to predict.

There are signs of renewed activity on the eastern front as the Spring approaches. The Russians and Germans have been feeling out each other's lines at various points, small isolated engagements resulting. The most important move on the northern end of the line seems to have been a German effort to cross the Dvina river about Dvinsk. The considerable force engaged in this effort was dispersed by the Russian fire according to Petrograd claims.

The sinking of the French line steamer Lousiana, of 5,100 tons, presumably by a submarine operating off the French coast, is announced from Paris. No lives were lost.

THE CHAUTAUQUA SPIRIT.

What Walt Mason Says — Date of Concord Chautauqua June 24-30.

Don't sit apinely on your roost, but come along and help us boost, for better things of every kind, and leave your kicking clothes behind.

O let us boost for better streets, and softer beds, and longer sheets; for smoother lawns and better lights, and shorter-winded blatherskites;

For finer homes, and large trees, for hats and boots and bumble bees; for shorter hours and longer pay, and fewer thistles in our hay;

For better grub and bigger pies, for two more moons to light the skies, and let the wolves of war be loosed, and let the wolves who aren't boost!

WALT MASON. In "Rippling Rhymes." The date settled upon for the Concord Chautauqua is June 24-30.

Back up your President and the Stars and Stripes will never have to back down.

thinks there would be no objection to American troops entering Mexico in pursuit of Villa and that he would wire his government recommending co-operation.

At the State Department it was made plain that while the incident was closed for the present so far as the War Department is involved, it was not closed so far as the government is concerned, and that negotiations with General Carranza for permission to send in troops to clear out the bandit gangs will go forward.

Patrol Reinforced. Columbus, New Mexico, March 10.—Federal troops in increased numbers today patrolled the Mexican border near Columbus as a precaution against further invasion of American territory by Francisco Villa's bandit army, which yesterday in a surprise attack on this town killed 16 American citizens and soldiers, burned buildings and looted stores before being driven back into Mexico by American troops. More than 100 bandits were killed.

Villa, at the head of the main body of bandits, was reported today 16 miles south of the international line, where he halted after a running fight yesterday with pursuing United States troops. Signal fires seen along the border south of here last night were believed, however, to have been placed by bandits and reports that armed raiders were in the vicinity of Hachita, New Mexico, lead the military authorities to rush reinforcements to the border patrol there.

The possibility of further bandit raids was admitted by army officers and armed civilians and state militiamen and cowboys are co-operating with the federal authorities in maintaining a border patrol.

The pursuit of Villa and his men by 250 American cavalrymen ended when the Villa forces made a determined stand, after reaching a series of hills fifteen miles south of the border. The casualties to the American forces during this battle consisted of the death of a corporal whose name has not yet been learned and the wounding of Captain George Williams, who sustained a bullet wound in the hand. The Mexican casualties in this engagement were not reported.

Of the 16 Americans killed eight were civilians and eight soldiers.

CHARLOTTE-PINEHURST HIGHWAY NOW ASSURED

Meeting at Albemarle Results in Permanent Organization to Put Proposition Through.

Albemarle, March 9.—The meeting here today of the backers for the Charlotte-Pinehurst-Raleigh highway was a complete success with large delegations from Mecklenburg, Cabarrus and Montgomery Counties. Speeches were made by a number of gentlemen in addition to the regular program which was as follows: Address of welcome, R. L. Smith, response, J. F. Hurley, Salisbury; "The Importance of Cross-County Highways," J. A. Parker, Charlotte; "The Country's Highways," Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, Chapel Hill; "How to build Cross-County Highways," W. L. Spoon, Washington, D. C.; "Financial Methods of Road Building," H. B. Varrier, Lexington.

After the speeches organization was effected to be known as the Charlotte-Pinehurst-Raleigh Highway Commission with Cap. J. A. Parker, of Charlotte, president; O. C. Bruton, Mount Gilead, vice-president; W. L. Mann, Albemarle, secretary; M. J. Harris, Albemarle, treasurer. An executive committee consisting of one member from each county through which the proposed road passes, was elected, consisting of the following: J. A. Groves, Albemarle, Stanly County; Bama Allen, Montgomery County; J. McQueen, Pinehurst, Moore County; J. F. Cannon, Concord, Cabarrus County; A. Morris McDonald, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County. This organization is to secure the services of a State engineer and locate the highway, and procure the counties through which the proposed road passes to start to work and finish the road at once.

NEW YORK COTTON. Report of French Steamer Last Unsettled Market.

New York, March 10.—Reports that a French steamer had been sunk off the coast of France appeared to unsettle the cotton market early today. The market opened steady at a decline of two points on March 9, but orders then eased off under scattering liquidation and some Wall Street selling with May declining to 11.38; July 12.00 and October to 12.18 or about five to eight points net lower before the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened steady. May 11.90; July 12.10; October, 12.26; December, 12.24; January, 12.50.

ELKS ELECT OFFICERS.

Mr. J. B. Womble Elected Exalted Ruler. — Other Officers.

At a meeting of the Concord lodge of Elks last night officers for the ensuing year were chosen. The following were elected:

J. B. Womble, exalted ruler; A. B. Palmer, esteemed leading knight; John L. Miller, esteemed loyal knight; F. C. Niblock, esteemed lecturing knight; R. E. Cline, secretary; A. F. Goodman, treasurer; A. C. Cline, tyler; G. L. Patterson, trustee for three years; E. Sauvain, representative to the grand lodge and L. T. Hartsell, alternate.

NORTH CAROLINA READY.

Has 3,026 Enlisted Men Fully Equipped.

Raleigh, March 10.—Adjutant General Young said today 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.

The Increase Is Very Noticeable. Washington, March 9.—Mining development and railroad exploitation in Alaska during the last twelve months were responsible for an increase of \$12,000,000 in the trade of Uncl's Sam's wad, according to a report received from the collector of customs at Juneau.

The big jump in trade figures was attributed to the large shipments of goods and materials from the United States, needed for extensive improvements projected.

Alaskan exports of placer gold are steadily declining, it was announced. The favorable trade balance of Alaska, gradually increasing with each year's returns, reached \$27,000,000 last year.

Gold and silver shipped to the United States aggregated \$16,000,000 almost \$2,000,000 more than was exported to this country in 1914. The United States supplied the Alaskans with \$23,000,000 worth of goods, while only \$500,000 was imported from foreign ports.

WANTS TO PLEAD FOR CHRISTY MARCH 20

ATTORNEY FARRISH ASKS FOR HEARING ON THIS DATE.

STILL IN FORSYTH COUNTY JAIL

Fred M. Parrish, Attorney for Christy Today Asked That the Hearing for the Commutation of His Client's Sentence Be Held March 20, the Same Date the Hearing For Mrs. Ida Bell Warren Will Be Held. — Both Are Sentenced to Be Executed March 21 For the Murder of G. J. Warren at Winston-Salem.

Raleigh, March 10.—Fred M. Parrish, attorney for Samuel Christy, has requested of Governor Craig that the hearing for commutation of the death sentence, imposed upon his client be held on March 20, the same day set aside from that of Mrs. Ida Bell Warren. Both are sentenced to be executed March 21 for the murder of G. J. Warren at Winston-Salem.

Although Mrs. Warren and Christy still are in jail at Winston-Salem they no longer are Forsyth county prisoners. The fact that they have not been delivered to the State penitentiary has been the source of much comment. The Forsyth county authorities assert that they have no orders to deliver the prisoners to the penitentiary. State officials are said to have stated such an order from the State authorities is unnecessary as the sentence automatically makes them State prisoners and it is understood that they should be delivered to the State without a formal order to do so.

The question now has been raised whether the Governor will consent to hold the hearing for commutations if at the time set the prisoners still are in the custody of Forsyth county authorities.

BRYANTTES APPROVE ACTION BY HOUSE

Commoner Didn't Use Influence on McLemore Resolution, Says Bailey.

Washington, March 9.—Representative Bailey of Pennsylvania, who entertained William J. Bryan at a luncheon here Monday, at which about twenty Senators and Representatives were present, said in a statement today that "the Bryan influence, as far as it was exerted at all was in favor of the action taken in the House" yesterday in tabling the McLemore resolution.

"As far as I am aware, Mr. Bryan did not attempt to sway members of the House in regard to the warning resolution," Mr. Brantley said. "He went no further, to the best of my knowledge, than to say that he believed the report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, which accompanied the adverse action on the resolution, went far toward clearing up the situation."

THE STOCK MARKET.

Mexican Trouble Has Influence on The Stock Market Today.

New York, March 10.—Some hesitation in all probability from the latest turn of affairs in Mexico marked the outset of today's trading. Mexican Petroleum declined 2 points and American Smelting was slightly lower with recessions in Baltimore & Ohio, New Haven and Central Leather. This was more than counterbalanced by moderate advances elsewhere notably in recently active Copper, Marine preferred and Baldwin Locomotive. Butte and Superior with its regular and extra decline of 10 3/4 per cent removed was quoted at 93, a new high record. Texas Company selling "ex-rights" to new stock was selling at 190.

Charlotte Delegation to Visit White House in March.

Charlotte, March 9.—Senator Simmons has notified Mayor Kirkpatrick that the Charlotte delegation to invite President Wilson to this city on May 20, celebration of signing of Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, will be given a hearing either March 15 or 16. The mayor wired Senator Simmons that party would appear before the President March 16. The delegation will be made up of 25 representative citizens headed by the mayor.

COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS.

Superintendent Lippard Writes in regard to County Commencement.

As previously announced, the examination for the county certificate will be held at one school in each township on the 23rd and 24th of March. Examination will begin promptly at 8:30 each morning. Applicants for the examination will take the examination in the township in which they reside. Papers will be handed in at a certain time limit. No student will be given the questions for two subjects at the same time. Students must have the regular size examination paper for this work. Pin the pages of each subject together. Teachers in charge will be expected to bring the papers to the office not later than Saturday noon, March 25. Messrs. Cathey and Ridenhour will examine the papers and place the names of those successfully passing the examination, in the county papers on the 10th of April.

The county commencement will be held at Concord, on April 14th, 1916. The number of contests will be more than last year. A student entering any of the contests must show an attendance of at least 50 per cent, as a rural school student. The following contests will be open to bona fide students:

1. The Declaration Contest is limited to boys in the 7th grade. No speech can exceed 11 minutes.

2. The Recitation Contest is limited to girls in the 7th grade. No recitation can exceed 10 minutes.

3. The Spelling Contest is limited to boys and girls of the 6th and 7th grades. Each school is entitled to one contestant. Spelling will be written. Contest will consist of 100 words taken from Reed's Word Lessons. This contest will be held in the court house at 9:30 a. m. April 14th.

4. The Story Telling Contest is limited to boys and girls of the first, second and third grades. We have not had a contest of this kind at our former commencements, and our teachers not understanding the nature of this contest will be given the desired information by writing the superintendent.

5. The Contest in Songs, or Glee Club Work. We trust that quite a number of the schools will enter this contest. Each school will be allowed two numbers. Sweetness of tone, expression, and enunciation will be considered.

6. Sewing and Display Work. White plain dresses were worn by a large number of the girl graduates last year. A prize will be given the seventh grade girl who makes the neatest white dress for herself; neatness of work, suitability, machine and hand work will be points considered. Quality of goods will not necessarily be considered. Each girl wishing to enter this contest must meet the display committee at the court house April 14th at 10 a. m. A bow of red and white ribbon worn on the waist of the dress will indicate that the girl made her dress. The committee on display work will announce, at an early date, in regard to the articles wanted for the display contest.

7. Athletic Contest. This contest will be similar to the one held last year. The Athletic Committee will meet at an early date and announce the different contests and prizes for the same. Scores will be kept of all athletic events to find out which school leads in athletics. These points added to the scores made on literary work, will show the school that ranks first, as "All Around School."

The Township Contests will be held Saturday, April 1 to decide who is to be the representatives at the county commencement. I shall be glad for the teachers of each township to have a meeting, elect a chairman for the township contest. Then inform the chairman of your township committee, just what contests your school will enter. The chairman of the township committee will make all necessary arrangements for local contests. Select for the several contests from outside the township. The chairman of each township is requested to report April 8th the names of all who are entitled to enter the contests at the county commencement.

The contest for the certificate of merit for perfect attendance and the certificate of merit for perfect spelling will close Friday, April 7th. Any teacher having students entitled to either or both of these certificates will send their names to the office on Saturday, April 8. A list of the successful contestants will be published by townships in the county papers on Monday, the 10th of April.

The following persons have been appointed for committee work: Music. Misses Mary Gaither, Mary Gouley, Sarah Harry, Mary Hellie, Margaret Smith and W. F. McCannless.

Decorations. Misses Francis Atkins, Carrie Harrelson, Eva Oglesby, Helen

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET LAST EVENING

DEMOCRATS LOOK FOR BIG FIGHT THIS YEAR

Meeting of Executive Committee Best and Largest Attended in Years.

Raleigh, March 9.—The Democrats here to attend the executive committee meeting last night returned to their homes today taking candidates, campaigning managers and courage back with them.

The meeting was the best one in many years in point of attendance and the Democracy had nothing over which to quarrel. It found time in the excess of leisure allowed it to wonder where all the Republicans come from last week and unanimously concluded that Senator Weeks is a mighty rich man.

The first conference of the Bickett men was an incident to the meeting here last night and yesterday of the executive committee.

The committee meeting Wednesday night was so overwhelmingly Wilson in everything that the warners who were to have come here to commit the committee to a declaration in favor of administrative advice to Americans not to take passage on the belligerents' ships, were themselves warned not to undertake a tilt of that character.

"PAGE FOR GOVERNOR."

Charlotte Citizens Circulate Petition Asking Congressman to Run Special to Greensboro News.

Charlotte, March 9.—A number of citizens, including lawyers and unofficial members of the "court house ring," today put in circulation a petition for signature indorsing Hon. Robert Newton Page as governor of North Carolina on the Democratic ticket. The petition reads: "We the undersigned citizens of the city of Charlotte, Mecklenburg county, admiring the record made in Congress by Hon. Robert Newton Page, representative from the 7th district, hereby indorse him as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of North Carolina, and pledge him our hearty and unqualified support." Those who refused to sign the petition did so because they disagreed with Mr. Page in the stand he had taken before Congress. Others who signed the petition did so, they said, because Mr. Page is one of the ablest men in the state, and just the man for governor.

CITY ATTORNEY CALDWELL PRESENTED TWO ORDINANCES MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY ONE TO KEEP OR OPERATE SLOT MACHINES IN THE CITY OF CONCORD. UNANIMOUS CONSENT WAS GAINED AND BOTH ORDINANCES PASSED. (See ordinances in full in another column.)

An ordinance making it unlawful for any person under 15 years of age to enter a poolroom within the corporate limits also was passed. (This ordinance also is published in another column.)

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THE WHEAT MARKET.

Liverpool Quotations Strengthen The Wheat Market Today.

Chicago, March 10.—Higher quotations from Liverpool lead to a substantial advance here today in the price of wheat. The opening which ranged 1-2 to 3-4 to 7-8 cents higher with May at 112 to 112 1/4 and July at 110 to 110 1/4 was followed by moderately additional gains.

New Water, Light and Heat Plant at The University. Raleigh, March 9.—The executive committee of the board of State University trustees today ordered the construction of the new water, lighting and heating plant at the university at a cost of not to exceed \$35,000.

The board of internal improvements, the state boiler inspector and several other experts have condemned this power plant as dangerous and liable at any time to break down. It has broken down perhaps twice and is more than 20 years old. The heat, water and power depend upon the power plant as well as the fire protection to the state's property at Chapel Hill.

A break down would force the closing of the university and send the students home.

PASS QUITE A NUMBER OF ORDINANCES.

PLACE BAN ON SLOT MACHINES

Board of Aldermen Held a Brief But Busy Meeting at the City Hall Last Night.—Hog Pen Ordinance Introduced by the Civic League Goes Over Until Next Meeting.—Cement Sidewalk to Be Put Down to the Gibson Mill.—City Attorney Caldwell Hot on the Trail of the Slot Machines.—Ordinances to Be Printed.

The board of aldermen held a brief but busy session at the city hall last evening. Mayor Isenhour presided and all the members of the board were present.

The board granted permission to Pastor Spalding, of Price Memorial Church, to hold an entertainment at the city hall next Thursday night.

A petition for a cement sidewalk on Buffalo street to McGill and thence on McGill to Southern Railway crossing was received and the board ordered the sidewalk put down.

Mr. L. T. Hartsell, on behalf of the Civic Improvement League, presented an ordinance providing that in districts where 51 per cent of the voters signed a petition hog pens should be abolished. Mr. Hartsell stated that he presented the petition solely on behalf of the Civic Improvement League and without any expression of opinion on his own part.

Mr. R. C. Benfield opposed the petition. He contended that those who owned hogs should have some notice; that he had purchased two and if the board passed the ordinance he had no way of disposing of them. He also declared that in two days the people of his section of town had secured a petition with about 300 names on it.

Alderman Hoover moved that the petition be tabled until next meeting. This motion, the mayor pointed out, was not necessary under the rules, as all ordinances are tabled for a month unless passed by unanimous consent is gained to consider them.

City Attorney Caldwell presented two ordinances making it unlawful for any one to keep or operate slot machines in the city of Concord. Unanimous consent was gained and both ordinances passed. (See ordinances in full in another column.)

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