

REPORT BY SCOTT IS EXPECTED TODAY

WASHINGTON AWAITS WORD FROM CHIEF OF STAFF.

NEXT MILITARY STEP IN DOUBT

A Preliminary Report From Major General Scott, Chief of Staff of the Army, on His Conference With Major General Funston, at San Antonio, Last Night, Regarding the Mexican Problem, Was Expected Today by Officials of the Washington Government.—The Next Step Regarding the Movement of Troops Is in Doubt.

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The next step regarding the pursuit of Villa or the withdrawal of troops probably will not be taken pending receipt of a complete report on the situation. The report is not expected until General Scott returns to Washington.

Ready to Start Pursuit.

El Paso, April 22.—Brigadier General Pershing has made such disposition of his forces that the American punitive expedition is equally ready today to proceed quickly in pursuit of Villa or withdraw from Mexico when the future course of operations is determined by the administration at Washington. The troops can be retired from Mexico in ten days, according to army officers at Fort Bliss. Carranza officials at Juarez reported the situation generally quiet throughout upper Mexico and said every preparation has been made to suppress any disorders that might arise. The Federal district is being filled with Carranza troops and guards are being placed about mining properties.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Met This Afternoon at 2 O'clock to Elect Delegates.

The Democratic county convention met this afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention, which meets at Raleigh next week.

Chairman Widenhouse called the convention and Mr. M. H. Caldwell was appointed temporary chairman. Mr. J. P. Cook was appointed Secretary and stated the object of the meeting. Following Mr. Cook's speech delegates to the State convention, which will draft a platform and elect delegates to the Democratic national convention were elected.

WILL PROBABLY ASK FOR LONGER TIME

Germany Will Seek Further Information on Certain Points.

Berlin, April 22.—Germany's answer to the latest American note is likely to be delayed by some parleys and request for further information on certain points, according to the Lokal Anzeiger, which says it learns that the note is a decidedly long one and that it will be examined with German thoroughness.

Note Now in Hands of Officials.

Berlin, April 22, via London.—The American note is now in the hands of Emperor William, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and General von Falkenhayn, chief of staff at general headquarters.

Russian Troops Marching Northward in France.

Lyons, April 22.—The Russian troops which arrived at Marseilles Thursday to fight with the French on the western front, passed through here today on their way northward.

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Rocky River.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. G. W. Shipley, of Albemarle.

Easter Weather.

Washington, April 22.—Fair weather for Easter was forecast today by the weather bureau for the southeastern States. No decided temperature changes are indicated during the next 36 hours.

The bureau's forecast for the week beginning tomorrow indicates fair weather and moderate temperature will prevail in the southeastern States during that period.

MR. W. W. WEDDINGTON

Well Known Citizen Died This Morning at 8 O'clock.

Mr. William Martin Weddington, a well known citizen of Concord, died this morning about 8 o'clock at his home on West Corbin street. Mr. Weddington's death was due to apoplexy. About a week ago he suffered a stroke but recovered and was apparently well when the second stroke, which caused his death almost instantly, came this morning.

Mr. Weddington was a son of Col. W. A. Weddington and was born in this county in 1836, and was 80 years of age. He grew to young manhood in this county and moved to Mecklenburg, where he lived for several years. Soon after the War Between the States he returned to this county and has since resided here.

On May 23, 1867, Mr. Weddington married Miss Jane E. Howell, of this county, who with seven children, Mrs. G. Ed. Keeler, E. Frank, Luther A., W. J. and Samuel A. Weddington, of Concord, and Mrs. Hattie White, of Boise, Idaho, survive.

Mr. Weddington was a member of Company A, Twentieth North Carolina Regiment and served throughout the War Between the States. He always took an active interest in the Confederate Veterans' organizations and has been secretary of the Cabarrus Camp since its organization.

Mr. Weddington also was active in the political affairs of the county and for many years was one of the leaders in the councils of the Republican party. He was register of deeds for one term and several as deputy register for several terms.

The funeral will be held at St. James Lutheran Church, of which the deceased has long been a member, tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier and Rev. T. W. Smith. The honorary pall bearers will be the members of Cabarrus Camp United Confederate Veterans and the active pall bearers will be Messrs. James F. Harris, John M. Hendrix, John M. Cook, H. S. Williams, John A. Clute and W. C. Correll. The interment will be at Oakwood cemetery.

SECRETARY DANIELS REPLIES TO LODGE RESOLUTION

Asked Daniels for Communications, Which Were Warned That Navy Was Unprepared for War.

Washington, April 22.—Secretary Daniels responded to the Senate today his response to the Lodge resolution, adopted April 12, calling upon him to submit a letter from the navy general board, dated August 3, 1914, and a communication from Admiral Fiske, then aid for operations, dated November 9, 1914.

The communications were described in the resolution as warning the Secretary that the navy was unprepared for war. They were first mentioned publicly when Representative Britton asked Mr. Daniels to produce them before the House naval committee recently and he refused.

Admiral Fiske's letter is a lengthy document beginning with the statement that the writer "urgently calls the attention of the secretary to the fact that the United States navy is unfit for war."

Search of the files of the Navy Department and the general board failed to disclose, however, any such letter from the General Board as that mentioned in the resolution, according to Secretary Daniels. A letter from Admiral Dewey presented to the board concerning this letter is submitted.

"Admiral Fiske's letter is a careful analysis of the situation of the navy in early days of European war and contains the statement that if this country avoids war during the next five years it will be accomplished only by a happy combination of high diplomatic skill and rare good fortune." It asserts that the navy was then short 19,000 men and that while ships were well organized and "pretty well drilled" that the department itself was neither reorganized, nor drilled in a military way.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

Diplomatic Outlook Pulls Down Wheat Prices Today.

Chicago, April 22.—Uncertainties of the diplomatic outlook tended today to pull down prices in the wheat market. Opening quotations which varied from the same as Thursday's close to one-half lower with May at 119 1/4 to 114 and July at 113 3/8 to 5-8 were followed by slight rallies and then a decided setback all-around.

SLAYER TO DIE AT SING SING MONDAY

New York, April 22.—Joseph C. Hanel, who was found guilty of the murder of Mrs. Julia Heiler, a wealthy widow in Brooklyn, will be electrocuted in Sing Sing Prison Monday morning. Hanel killed Mrs. Heiler on April 23, 1915, by striking her over the head with a bottle. He fled and the police did not get trace of him until February of this year, when he was arrested in Baltimore. Finger prints on the bottle entered into the identification of the murderer. When brought face to face with this evidence, Hanel confessed. He was tried in March and found guilty of first degree murder. Hanel was employed by the wealthy widow as a butler.

REED VISITS MILL.

Missouri Senator Visits Salisbury Cotton Mill.

Salisbury, April 22.—Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, who is a visitor to Salisbury today, is a member of the labor committee of the Senate, which has under consideration the Keating Child Labor Bill. During his visit here Senator Reed visited a local mill and the home of quite a few of the operatives.

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AN ELECTRIC LIGHT BRACKET CAN BE SCREWED INTO A WALL SOCKET TO EXTEND THE LAMP SEVERAL FEET INTO A ROOM WHEN DESIRED TEMPORARILY HAS BEEN INVENTED.

Mr. B. C. Ashcraft, of Monroe, N. C., will speak at Chaney's Hill Church on Sunday school works on the 5th Sunday in April.

FORD STERLING IS ON THE PROGRAMME AT THE THEATRICAL LODGE IN A KEYSTONE OPERA, "ONLY A MORGANIST."

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MARY PICKFORD IN "GUSH A LITTLE QUEEN," AT THE MARCH MONDAY.

A wonderful picture.

DEMOCRATS HOLDING CONVENTION TODAY

IN SESSION IN VARIOUS COUNTIES IN THE STATE.

REED AND HEFLIN MAKE SPEECHES

North Carolina Democrats Today Throughout the State are Holding Their County Conventions to Name Delegates to the State Convention at Raleigh Next Week.

Senator Reed of Missouri, Was Expected to Address the Rowan County Convention at Salisbury and Senator Heflin, of Alabama the Forsyth Convention.

Raleigh, N. C., April 22.—North Carolina Democrats today throughout the State are holding their county conventions to name delegates to the state convention to be held next week in Raleigh and to organize various county branches of the party.

Senator Reed, of Missouri, was expected to address the Rowan county convention at Salisbury and Representative Heflin, of Alabama, the Forsyth county convention at Winston-Salem. Several members of the North Carolina conventional delegation were expected to address other conventions in various parts of the State.

BASEBALL YESTERDAY.

National League.

New York, 0; Philadelphia 1. Pittsburgh 3; St. Louis 0. Boston 3; Brooklyn 10. Chicago-Cincinnati, wet grounds.

American League.

Washington 3; New York 5. Philadelphia 3; Boston 1. Detroit 3; Chicago 2. St. Louis 11; Cleveland 1.

Southern League.

Charlottesville 2; Nashville 3. Atlanta 4; New Orleans 7. Birmingham 10; Mobile 6. Little Rock 13; Memphis 8.

South Atlantic League.

Augusta 7; Columbia 2. Charleston 2; Jacksonville 1; 11 innings. Montgomery 2; Macon 3. Columbus 2; Albany 4.

Other Games.

At Greenville, S. C.: Davidson 4; Furman University 2.

At Raleigh: Raleigh (Carolina League) 4; Rocky Mount (Virginia League) 2.

At Lexington, Va.: Lehigh 3; Washington and Lee 1.

At Wake Forest: Guilford 0; Wake Forest 2.

At Norfolk, Va.: Norfolk (Virginia League) 6; Durham, (North Carolina League) 1.

TO DISCUSS THE TRAINMEN'S DEMANDS

Meeting Will Be Held in Chicago on April 27, for This Purpose.

Cleveland, April 22.—Representatives of the road of the United States and of the four railroad employees brotherhoods will meet at Chicago April 27, to discuss the demands of the brotherhood for an eight-hour day.

Announcement of this effect was made today by the president of the trainmen's brotherhood.

RELIEF SOCIETY.

The French Relief Society asks every one to bring their own scissors and thimbles on Monday.

There will be an open box on the table, and one who wishes to make a contribution may do so, which will be used to purchase material and supplies. However, there is no obligation on any one to make an offering unless they wish to do so.

Please let us have a big meeting on Monday morning. Those who can't stay all the time, please come any way for a few minutes. The hours are from 10:30 to 1 at Miss Elizabeth Gibson's.

We have already been given 128 yards of material (outing) besides other generous gifts of ready made clothes, etc. We earnestly hope that this is but a beginning. The material on hand is sufficient to make 43 shirts and will be ready for work on Monday.

TODAY'S ODDER STORY.

Winnipeg, Man., April 22.—Residents here showed their clocks ahead an hour and got to work an hour earlier today and will quit an hour earlier tonight. This in the day Winnipeg went on New York time, in a campaign to get more daylight. Germany will do the same thing May 1.

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WITH THE CHURCHES.

Easter Services to Be Held Tomorrow.—Special Musical Programmes.

Tomorrow Easter services will be observed at the various churches in the city. The weather bureau forecasts fair weather and Concord goes plan to take special interest in the religious observance of the day. The choirs have been active and special Easter music will be rendered.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Rev. Geo. V. Tilley, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., preaching at both hours by the pastor. Subject of the morning sermon, "The Empty Sepulcher." Evening, "The Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness." Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m. A cordial invitation to strangers and visitors.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN.

An early matin service with sermon at 6 a. m.; Sunday school at 10 a. m. Chief service and Holy Communion at 11 a. m. The Young Men's Bible Class at 2 p. m. An Easter rally is expected. Vesper service at 8 p. m. Special Easter music will be rendered. Rev. Prof. Jno. C. Seegers, D. D., of the Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., will conduct these services. A cordial welcome to all.

MCGILL STREET BAPTIST.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.; sermon by pastor, Rev. S. W. Bennett, at 11 a. m., subject, "The Resurrection of Christ." 7:30 p. m., subject, "Sin, What is It?" All cordially invited to worship with us.

PROGRAMME OF EASTER SERVICES AT CENTRAL CHURCH, 11 O'CLOCK.

Chant. Hymn. The Apostle's Creed. Prayer. Anthem. Old Testament lesson. Gloria Patria. New Testament lesson. Solo—Miss Patterson. Hymn. Sermon by the pastor: "Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you that God should raise the dead?" Anthem. Hymn. At the evening service there will be special music, including a solo by Miss Ridenhour.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to worship with us.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Men's Bible Class at 10 a. m. Boys Bible Class at 10 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier. Musical Programme. Prelude—Vision. Rhenberger. Anthem: Lift Up Your Heads—J. H. Rogers. Hymn: Rise, Glorious Conqueror, Rise—Mason. Hymn: Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned—Hayden. Anthem: Awake Thou That Sleepest—Maker. Offertory: Adoration From "The Holy City"—Gaul. Hymn—Oh, Could I Speak the Watchless Word—Mozart. Postlude: Thine is the Kingdom, From the Holy City—Gaul.

EVENING SERVICE.

Instead of the usual song service the choir will give the Easter Cantata "From Sepulcher to Throne," by Thomas G. Shepard, followed by usual music.

Hymn: Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious!—Stebbins. Offertory: Pastoral—Rheinberger. Hymn: In the Cross of Christ I Glory—Conkey. Postlude: "The Lord Now Victorious" hymn from "Cavalleria Rusticana."

Personnel of choir: Soprano—Mrs. Womble, Misses Adeline and Mary Morrison and Miss Elizabeth Woodhouse. Alto—Mrs. Woodhouse and Miss Harris. Tenor—Messrs. Sherrill and R. L. Morrison. Bass—Messrs. Woodhouse and McKoy.

FOREST HILL METHODIST.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Short. At 7:30 p. m. an Easter programme will be rendered by the Junior Missionary Society. Sunday school at 9:30, Mr. W. B. Odell, superintendent. The public cordially invited. A hearty welcome to visitors and strangers.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock, a. m. Morning Service and the celebration of the holy communion at 11 o'clock, conducted by Archdeacon Hardin.

CALVARY LUTHERAN.

Matins at 6 a. m.; Sunday School at 9:45; chief service at 7:30 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. B. S. Dasher.

ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN.

Sunday School at 9:45; services at 11 o'clock, and Holy Communion, conducted by the pastor, Rev. B. S. Dasher.

ASSOCIATE REFORM PRESBYTERIAN.

Sabbath School at 9:45. Preaching at 7:30 p. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Hooten.

TRINITY REFORMED.

Sunday School at 10 a. m., Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by Rev. Klingner. Public cordially invited.

KINGSBOLD A. B. P.

Services at 11 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Davis.

GERMANS AGAIN TAKE OFFENSIVE AT VERDUN

THE STOCK MARKET.

Shrinkage of Value Followed Resumption of Trading Today.

New York, April 22.—Resumption of trading after the holiday was attended by further shrinkage of value, the war group and Mexican displaying marked weakness. Indications that Germany may delay her reply to the recent note from Washington were accepted with misgivings. In the course of the first fifteen minutes there were decline of two to five points in Crucible Steel, Studebaker, General Electric, Westinghouse, Baldwin Locomotive and Industrial Alcohol while Mexican Petroleum and American Smelting were lower by two to almost three points. United States Steel and the investment divisions were heavy. Maines were firm and active.

FREE SELLING IN STOCK MARKET.

New York, April 22.—Today's two hour session of the stock market was attended by much excitement and further free selling. War shares and the stocks of companies operating in Mexico broke four to eight points and the entire list, including investments, was unfavorably effected.

BIG LEAGUE AVERAGES FOR FIRST WEEK

Janvri, of Boston, Heads All, With 800—Cobb Hit Only 231.

Chicago, April 22.—Janvri, of the Boston Americans with the remarkable percentage of 800, led on batting in the first week of the major league season, including games last Wednesday. In the National, Burns, New York, Mollwitz, Cincinnati and Butler, St. Louis, have averages of .500. Ty Cobb has a percentage of only .231.

National pitchers are led by Alexander of Philadelphia, with two games won and none lost and Schneider, Cincinnati with the same record. American League pitchers credited with two wins and no defeats are Faber, Chicago, and Ruth, of Boston.

FEDERALS AND BEREAN CLASSES TO HAVE SPELLING MATCH.

The Federals and Berean class of the McGill Baptist Church will have a spelling contest in the hall of the Woodmen of the World, on McGill street next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. "Webster's Blue-Back" will be the book used. A large class of old and young people are making great preparation for the occasion. The old Blue-Back was never so popular in this section as at the present. The spelling will begin at "baker" and continue until all are spelled down. The Ladies' Aid Society will serve refreshments for the evening. Admission will be 15 cents for all over 12 years old, and 10 cents for all over five and under 12 years. The proceeds of the evening will be used for church improvement. All are cordially invited to come and enjoy the evening and aid a good cause. X.

HACKETT WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE.

Winston-Salem, April 22.—Former Representative R. N. Hackett, of North Wilkesboro, today announced his withdrawal from the contest for the congressional nomination from the seventh district. He retires in favor of his fellow townsman, T. B. Finley, who has been endorsed for the nomination by the Democratic convention of Wilkes county.

FIRE AT SALISBURY.

Salisbury, April 22.—Fire here today destroyed five houses occupied by operatives of the Salisbury cotton mill. The houses are located on the extreme edge of town.

START ACTION ON BOTH BANKS OF THE MEUSE RIVER.

The Germans Have Resumed the Offensive Before Verdun, Putting Their Infantry in Action on Both Banks of the Meuse But Failing to Gain Additional Ground, According to the French War Office Bulletin.—The Principal Attempt to Advance Was Made East of the Meuse, But It Was Foiled by Big French Guns.

BIPLANE TRAVELS 400 MILES

The scene of this fighting is between the river and Fort Vaux.

The Germans have resumed the offensive before Verdun, putting their infantry action on both banks of the Meuse but failing to gain additional ground, according to the French war official bulletin.

The principal attempt to advance was made east of the Meuse, after intense bombardment. Paris reports French artillery failed the attempt and caused the Germans heavy losses. The scene of this fighting is between the river and Fort Vaux.

To the west, just beyond the Meuse the Germans put liquid fire into play in attacking the French lines near the Caurettes Woods, but the assault is declared to have failed.

In the Balkans a French aeroplane made a 400 mile flight from the allied line to Sofia and return, dropping four large calibre bombs on a Zeppelin shed in the Bulgarian capital. Other points behind the lines also were bombarded by French airmen, the Lorraine region being given special attention.

MILLIONAIRE MUST TELL HOW HE ANNULLED MARRIAGE.

Amsterdam, N. Y., April 22.—Louis Marshall and his attorney, Lindley M. Garrison, former Secretary of War in the Wilson cabinet, will be the central figures in the sensational trial that is set for hearing here today, in which young Ream must tell how he annulled his marriage to Eleanor Pundleton Davidson, a former Broadway show girl.

The former Mrs. Ream has made claim that the annulment was obtained by fraud, and the court has ordered that Ream appear and submit proof in answer to the allegations.

The young couple were married on Sept. 1, 1911, in Hoboken, N. J., by a justice of the peace, following a short acquaintance. Miss Davidson now claims that her young husband left her by parental direction, although he still loves her, she claims. It is also claimed by the former bride that she was deceived when she consented to the annulment proceedings a short time later.

It is said that Miss Davidson received \$25,000 by way of settlement at the time of the annulment, on January 12, 1912. Miss Davidson was represented at these proceedings by a firm of attorneys that she claims she never saw.

COAT BUTTON COMING OFF THAT NO WOMAN CAN SEW ON.

Philadelphia, April 22.—The possibility that bronze old William Penn, who tops City Hall tower, 500 feet in the air, will drop a 50 pound metal button from his coat onto the heads of pedestrians, has caused the authorities to employ stepladders to make a thorough inspection of him.

A preliminary investigation developed that in addition to the loose button several big bronze rosettes about the base of the statue also are in danger of falling off. Philadelphia girls, while loving flowers, would not care to have one of these bouquets thrown at them.

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